



W. Samuel Patten leaves the federal court in Washington, Friday, Aug. 31, 2018.

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By CHAD DAY and ERIC TUCKER, Associated Press  
WASHINGTON (AP) — A

business associate of a co-defendant of former Trump campaign chairman Paul

Manafort pleaded guilty Friday to failing to register as a foreign agent for

a Ukrainian political party and also admitted his role in a \$50,000 donation

scheme involving the presidential inauguration.

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# School safety panel will recommend best practices in report

By MARIA DANILOVA

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A federal panel convened after the deadly school shooting in Parkland, Florida, will issue a series of best practices to make schools safer, including recommendations on arming teachers, a senior Education Department official told The Associated Press. Age restrictions on gun purchases also are being considered.

Frank Brogan, assistant secretary of elementary and secondary education, also said the agency will let states decide whether they want to use federal grants to purchase firearms for schools or train personnel, despite strong criticism from Democrats and education groups who argue the funds are intended for academics, not guns.

In the department's first comprehensive account of the panel's work, Brogan told the AP on Thursday that arming educators "is a good example of a profoundly personal decision on the part of a school or a school district or even a state." Trump and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos have said that schools may benefit from having armed teachers and should have that option.

Brogan cited the "school marshal" program in Texas where school employees can volunteer to carry weapons on campuses after undergoing training.



Frank Brogan, Assistant Secretary of Elementary and Secondary Education speaks to the Associated Press in his office at the Education Department in Washington, Thursday, August 30, 2018.

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Educators from some remote rural schools also told the panel that they rely on armed school personnel because the police may take too long to arrive. Others, however, argued that arming teachers is dangerous and could make schools feel like prisons.

An early draft of the commission's report recommends that states and communities determine "based on the unique circumstances of each school" whether to arm its security personnel and teachers to be able to respond to violence. The draft's section on training school personnel was reviewed by AP.

That approach, the draft

says, "can be particularly helpful" in rural districts where the nearest police unit may be far away. Other recommendations included employing school resource officers and ensuring they worked closely with the rest of the school staff.

Brogan emphasized that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to school safety and that states and local jurisdictions had leeway to decide for themselves how to approach it.

If a state does decide to equip schools with firearms, it will be able to use Title IV federal grants for their school needs. Brogan said the Every Student Suc-

ceeds Act, a bipartisan law that shifts education authority to states, provides about \$1 billion in annual funding for various school needs, including 20 percent specifically set aside for school safety.

"The people at the local level who've been there for years could make the decisions about what services to purchase, what equipment to buy to fulfill the general broad obligations laid out in that law," he said.

The debate arose earlier this month after a small rural school district in Oklahoma and the state of Texas asked the department to clarify what the funds can be used for.

"The position is: You have the language ... the language was written specifically to and always interpreted to mean 'this is your money,'" Brogan said.

Democratic lawmakers and teachers blasted the idea, accusing the Trump administration of acting in the interests of the National Rifle Association, and several congressmen called for legislation that would prohibit the use of those funds for guns.

Brogan also clarified that the commission will tackle gun control as instructed by the White House. DeVos had told a Senate hearing in June that the panel will not look at guns "per se,"

causing confusion. Brogan said the commission will consider age restrictions for gun purchases, as well as whether people with mental health problems who are likely to harm themselves and others can possess weapons.

Brogan said the panel will produce a tool kit "that provides recognized best practices, not just the shiny new object on school safety, but what people are already doing that seems to be showing a track record of success that can be put out there in inventory fashion."

"You cannot do that with a uniform approach to this thing because the country is so very different, place to place, school to school, state to state," Brogan said. "There is no one way to make schools safe."

Besides recommendations on arming and training school staff, the research and best practices identified by the panel will include suggestions on equipping schools with magnetometers and other safety tools, character development programs and the impact of video games and movies on violent behavior. The report will be issued in "very late fall or by the end of the year," Brogan said.

The commission was created by President Donald Trump in March after 17 people were killed in the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. The panel is chaired by DeVos and also consists of the heads of the departments of Justice, Health and Human Services and Homeland Security. The body has conducted a number of listening sessions, school visits and meetings over the summer, but experts have been skeptical about what it may accomplish.

Andy Rotherham of Bellwether Education Partners, a national nonprofit education consultancy and research group, and a former Clinton administration official, predicted that the commission's impact will be "next to nothing." □

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W. Samuel Patten entered his plea in federal court in Washington as prosecutors accused him of performing lobbying and consulting work in the United States but failing to register as a foreign agent as required by the Justice Department. As part of his agreement with prosecutors, Patten admitted to lying to the Senate intelligence committee during its investigation into Russian election interference and of participating in a scheme to circumvent the ban on foreign donations to President Donald Trump's inaugural committee by lining up a straw purchaser to pay \$50,000 for four tickets to the inauguration.

The Patten case was referred by special counsel Robert Mueller's team to the United States attorney in Washington, said Bill Miller, a spokesman for that office. Andrew Weissmann, one of the lead Mueller team attorneys in the Manafort prosecution, was also in the courtroom Friday during Patten's appearance. And Patten's plea agreement specifically requires him to cooperate with the special counsel's probe.

Patten's attorney Stuart Sears declined to comment.

Patten was a business associate of Konstantin Kilimnik, a man U.S. authorities have said has ties to Russian intelligence.

Kilimnik worked closely with Manafort, who was found guilty this month of eight financial counts. Kilimnik also is a co-defendant in a pending case against Manafort in Washington, brought by Mueller's team, that accuses them both of witness tampering.

Court papers don't refer to Kilimnik by name, but say Patten worked with a Rus-

sian national on lobbying and political consulting services. The Russian national, who formed a consulting company with Patten, is identified only as "Foreigner A" in court papers.

The documents trace years of work Patten performed for a wealthy Ukrainian businessman and a Ukrainian political party known as the Opposition Bloc beginning in 2014. The goal all along, prosecutors say, was to influence U.S. policy. But they say Patten never filed under the Foreign Agents Registration Act or disclosed that he was representing the foreign businessman or the Opposition Bloc.

Prosecutors say in 2015 Patten worked to set up meetings between the Ukrainian businessman and several U.S. officials including members of Congress and leaders in the State Department.

Later, Patten wrote talking points and letters used to lobby U.S. officials on the behalf of the businessman, who is referred to as "Foreigner B." Patten also drafted an op-ed for Foreigner B that sought to address concerns about Ukraine's ability to work with the Trump administration.

Court papers say the op-ed was published in February 2017 in a "national United States media outlet," but they do not name the media outlet or Foreigner B. However, on February 6, 2017, an op-ed published under Serhiy Lyovochkin's name appeared in U.S. News and World Report. The op-ed identifies Lyovochkin as a "leader of the Opposition Bloc" and addresses the same topic as described in Patten's case. Lyovochkin's name also came up during Manafort's trial earlier this month. Prosecutors detailed how he was among the wealthy Ukrainian businessmen who

paid Manafort for his own political consulting work.

Prosecutors also revealed Friday that in January 2017, Patten lined up an American as a straw purchaser of four tickets to the inauguration for Foreigner B to circumvent the ban on foreign contributions to the inaugural committee.

Patten was informed in writing of the ban, court papers say. Yet, to conceal that Foreigner B was paying for the tickets, court papers say Patten had the American front the \$50,000 for the tickets. The straw purchaser, who is not named, then was reimbursed by Patten's company, which in turn received the same amount from Foreigner B via an offshore bank account in Cyprus.

Patten then attended the inauguration with Foreigner B.

The topic came up a year later in January 2018 when Patten testified before the Senate intelligence committee as part of its investigation into Russian election interference and possible coordination with Trump associates.

According to court papers, Patten misled the committee during his testimony and withheld certain documents to conceal that Foreigner B had been behind the purchase of inauguration tickets. He also gave "misleading testimony" about his representation of foreigners in the U.S. to hide that he had failed to register as a foreign agent with the Justice Department.

After the congressional testimony, Patten then destroyed documents relating to his foreign work.

In a joint statement Friday, committee chairman Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., and the panel's top ranking Democrat, Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia, confirmed that the committee had made a criminal referral

to the Justice Department requesting an investigation into Patten.

"Due to concerns about certain statements made by Mr. Patten, the Committee made a criminal referral to the Department of Justice. While the charge, and resultant plea, do not appear to directly involve our referral, we appreciate their review of this matter," the senators said.

Patten was released on his own recognizance Friday without a sentencing date. He faces a maximum sentence of five years in prison. During the court hearing Friday, U.S. District Judge Amy Berman Jackson told Patten that she couldn't provide any estimate of his potential sentence because U.S. sentencing guidelines don't have a section for violations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Prosecutions of the offense

have been rare, but in recent years, the Justice Department's national security division has taken a tougher stance on enforcement of the law. □



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# White House faces brain drain at perilous moment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Increasingly convinced that the West Wing is wholly unprepared to handle the expected assault from Democrats if they win the House in November, President Donald Trump's aides and allies are privately raising alarm as his circle of legal and communications advisers continues to shrink. With vacancies abounding in the White House and more departures on the horizon, there is growing concern among Trump allies that the brain drain at the center of the administration could hardly come at a more perilous time. Special counsel Robert Mueller's swirling probe of Russian election interference and potential obstruction of justice by Trump has reached ever closer to the Oval Office, and the upcoming midterm elections could grant his political adversaries the power of subpoena or, more worryingly, the votes to attempt impeachment. Nine current and former



In this Feb. 22, 2018, file photo White House counsel Don McGahn speaks at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), at National Harbor, Md.

Associated Press


White House staffers and administration allies expressed concerns Thursday that the West Wing is simply unprepared for the potential troubles ahead. They spoke on the condition of anonymity over concerns

about estranging colleagues. Attrition, job changes and firings have taken their toll across the White House, but their impact has been felt particularly in the communications and legal shops — two departments crucial to Trump staving off the looming threats. The upcoming departure of White House counsel Don McGahn has highlighted the challenges in an office that has shrunk by a third since last year. McGahn's former chief of staff, deputy counsel Annie Donaldson, is also expected to leave soon after McGahn departs, two staffers said. Similarly, the White House press office is down to four press secretaries working on day-to-day White House matters, including Sarah Huckabee Sanders, and the regional and Cabinet affairs media teams in the communications office have been hol-

lowed out. The staffing shortage and struggles to recruit top-flight talent have left the White House ill-prepared to handle the legal onslaught that may come when Mueller issues an expected report summarizing his findings and the flood of congressional investigations that could follow a Democratic takeover of the House. Former Fox News executive Bill Shine, who joined the White House earlier this summer as communications director and deputy chief of staff, is looking to rebuild a shrunken media affairs team in anticipation of the challenges ahead. Shine is said to be looking for seasoned communications professionals to handle both Mueller-related questions and congressional oversight requests. "He's doing a lot of thinking about how to properly structure everything,



not only for a Trump White House but for what the next couple of years will be like," said former White House press secretary Sean Spicer. But like other White House departments, the effort to fill jobs is proving difficult. Qualified candidates are steering clear of the volatile West Wing, ignoring pleas from Shine and others to join the administration over fears to their reputation and even potential legal exposure, according to current and former officials and one candidate approached by the White House. Those people and others spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private deliberations and conversations. Others are wary of joining the team to defend the president, knowing full well he will often ignore their advice or could turn on them by tweet. A White House official disputed that the administration has had difficulty filling positions with talented people. Trump allies have long boasted that he was his own political consultant during the 2016 campaign and serves as his own communications director inside the White House, but they are increasingly cautioning him that he can't be his own attorney as well. Indeed, his outside legal team reached out to some of Washington's most prominent attorneys, including Supreme Court litigator Ted Olson, before former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani — a longtime friend of the president whose erratic television interviews have defined his tenure — joined the team in April. □

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# Couple ordered to turn over funds raised for homeless man

**MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. (AP)** — A couple who raised more than \$400,000 for a homeless man after he used his last \$20 to fill up the gas tank of a stranded motorist in Philadelphia must now turn over what's left of the cash.

A New Jersey judge issued the order Thursday during a hearing on the lawsuit brought by Johnny Bobbitt, who worries Mark D'Amico and Katie McClure have mismanaged a large part of the donations raised for him on GoFundMe.

The couple deny those claims, saying they're wary of giving Bobbitt large sums because they fear he will

buy drugs. The judge ordered the couple to transfer the money into an escrow account by the end of business Friday and hire a forensic accountant to review the financial records within 10 days.

The money will be transferred to an account controlled by Bobbitt's lawyers but can't be used until the judge determines how it will be managed. The judge didn't appoint a guardian to oversee the fund, but one could be appointed later.

McClure set up the online fundraiser page as a way to give back to Bobbitt, who came to her aid when

she ran out of gas on an Interstate 95 exit ramp late one night. It raised more than \$400,000 in funds donated by more than 14,000 people.

Bobbitt walked a few blocks to buy McClure gas. She didn't have money to repay him at the time, but sought him out days later to give him the money, and visited him a few more times to bring food and water. They later appeared on shows like "Good Morning America" and were interviewed by the BBC.

But the relationship has gone sour. McClure and D'Amico have repeatedly denied



In this Nov. 17, 2017, file photo, Johnny Bobbitt Jr., left, Kate McClure, right, and McClure's boyfriend Mark D'Amico pose at a Citigo station in Philadelphia.

Associated Press

# Judge nixes New Jersey town's ban on nonresident drivers

**LEONIA, N.J. (AP)** — A New Jersey town plans to seek to reverse a judge's ruling striking down its ordinance that banned nonresident drivers from using some of its streets as shortcuts to a heavily traveled bridge into New York.

Leonia adopted an ordinance in January in response to traffic congestion and safety issues caused by navigation apps sending motorists through town to the George Washington Bridge.

A resident of a nearby town sued shortly after the road closures went into effect, and in the spring, New Jersey's attorney general said the closures "weren't legally valid."

On Thursday, a state Superior Court judge found that Leonia failed to get the required permission for the road closures from the state Department of Transportation. The DOT commissioner must sign off on laws that affect a state roadway, and many of Leonia's closures were near Grand Avenue, the local section of state Route 93.

Leonia Mayor Judah Zeigler said in an email that

the town would seek an immediate stay of the judge's order and also would appeal. He said Judge Peter Bariso's ruling "makes it clear that Leonia had the right to enact the regulations that were adopted and, if the streets adjacent to Grand Avenue had not been included in the ordinance, there would be no legal issue."

Zeigler said the borough would introduce new ordinances next week and that he wants "to do everything possible to work with the Department of Transportation." Attorney Jacqueline Rosa, who sued the borough over the closures in February, on Thursday called the judge's ruling "fantastic" for commuters.

Apps like Waze and Apple Maps reroute some of the tens of thousands of vehicles headed to the George Washington Bridge each morning, particularly when there is an accident or other disruption. Police said in January that studies have shown more than 2,000 vehicles often pass through town of about 9,000 residents from just one of the three exits off Interstate 95,

causing safety concerns and gridlock on side streets. A few weeks after the ordinance went into effect, the town replaced "Do Not Enter" signs with what it called "less menacing" signs after local business owners expressed concerns about losing business.

More than 140,000 vehicles cross the George Washington Bridge each day. □

any wrongdoing or misusing any of the money. D'Amico has said Bobbitt spent \$25,000 in less than two weeks in December on drugs, in addition to paying overdue legal bills and sending money to his family.

The couple also bought Bobbitt a camper with some of the funds and

parked it on land McClure's family owns in Florence. But Bobbitt became homeless again after D'Amico told him in June that he had to leave the property.

During an appearance Monday on NBC's "Megyn Kelly Today" show, D'Amico told Kelly there was well over \$150,000 left of the donations. □

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# Oregon pot growers now must notify officials about harvests

By GILLIAN FLACCUS  
Associated Press

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)** — Before Matthew Miller harvests marijuana this fall from his fields in southern Oregon, he'll have to notify the state for the first time ever — a process that could bring inspectors to make sure none of his pot is being illegally diverted.

The new harvest notification policy, which takes effect Saturday, is the first of its kind among states that have legalized marijuana and is intended to ensure legally grown Oregon weed isn't being transported out of state.

It's part of a raft of new measures to appease federal officials who have publicly railed against what they call Oregon's "relaxed" regulatory environment and inadequate oversight of an ambitious legal pot industry.

Oregon has an excellent pot-growing climate, and its rules allow applicants to have multiple licenses, permit out-of-state investment, and don't cap grower licenses — generous policies



In this Oct. 13, 2015, file photo, Lauren Silberman, 29, hangs marijuana after harvesting at Michael Monarch's southern Oregon marijuana grow, in Ashland, Ore.

that have resulted in an oversupply of legal weed, with growers desperate to unload crops now worth half of what they were.

In this environment, the harvest notification rule has riled many cannabis cultivators who say it amounts to more bureaucracy in an

industry already struggling to stay afloat.

"They don't do this to any other agricultural crop in the world," said Miller, of Millerville Farms. "All it does is it makes our margin go less and less — and we're already doing just about everything at cost."

Oregon's adult-use market has struggled for months with too much marijuana. As of June, there were nearly 1 million pounds (450,000 kilograms) of "usable flower" in the system, and an additional 350,000 pounds (159,000 kilograms) of marijuana extracts, edibles and tinctures. Usable flower refers to the dried marijuana flower — or bud — that is most commonly associated with marijuana consumption.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission, which regulates the state's general use marijuana program, stopped accepting applications for new growing licenses in June so it could process a monthslong backlog. State lawmakers next year will likely consider a cap on the number of permits issued for grows and fund more field inspectors.

Amid the glut, U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams has pressured the state to tighten the rules and crack down on growers who may be

diverting supply to the black market. Sheriffs in the southern Oregon counties most impacted by outdoor growing sites have been vocal about a lack of resources to sleuth out illegal marijuana farms.

State regulators last month targeted one possible problem when they reduced the amount of marijuana flower a medical marijuana patient can buy per day at a retail store from 24 ounces (680 grams) to 1 ounce (28 grams) for a six-month trial period. The change was prompted when the liquor commission noticed a handful of stores were selling flower in bulk over and over again.

And since July, the state has required 750 medical marijuana growers with more than 12 plants to register with the commission. Their plants will now be tracked from seed to sale just like non-medical cultivators' are. Sixteen inspectors are tasked with visiting these larger medical growers to look for diversion, with more to be hired, said Mark Pettinger, commission spokesman.

For the non-medical growers, the harvest rule will require them to notify the state by 9 a.m. on a day they plan to harvest by entering their plans into a cannabis tracking system.

State regulators originally wanted 72 hours' notice, but cultivators pushed back.

"It's like an audit. They're going to go out and make sure that plant counts and package count match what's in the system," Pettinger said.

The state general use program has 23 inspectors — not enough to show up at each harvest site — but the possibility that an inspector could come knocking should provide an incentive to follow the rules, he said. The agency will also reconcile the anticipated harvest entered into the system with what actually comes in, he said.

Sixty-five percent of Oregon's outdoor growing sites for recreational use marijuana — 258 farms — are concentrated in two rural counties, making it easier to place resources before harvest time in late September or early October, Pettinger said.

"A lot of growers are far-flung, but we have a concentration of inspectors in southern Oregon, and it's the southern Oregon outdoor growing activity that has anecdotally and historically been sort of a crucible of where a lot of diversion and illegal activity takes place," he said.

Growers say the rule unfairly targets licensed cultivators to get federal authorities off Oregon's back. The rule doesn't apply to indoor growers — who can harvest up to three times a year instead of once — or those growing medical pot. Outdoor growing facilities are also required under state law to maintain security cameras both inside and outside and store the film for 90 days.

"Which target are you going to go after if you're shooting? You're going to go after your easy target," said Pete Gendron, president of the Oregon SunGrowers Guild, which advocates for outdoor pot farms. "I don't think there's a single instance where it's been demonstrated that somebody is attempting to divert product." □

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## 3 kids among dozens injured in deadly New Mexico bus crash

By SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)

— Three children, including two infants, were among the dozens of passengers seriously injured when the commercial bus they were riding in was hit head-on by a semitruck on a New Mexico highway, killing eight people, hospital officials said Friday.

Officials at University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque said 10 patients are hospitalized there, including three adults who are in intensive care, one of whom is in critical condition.

Some patients were expected to undergo surgery Friday and Saturday. While doctors declined to offer specifics, they said the patients that came in during the hours that followed Thursday's crash on Interstate 40 near the Arizona border had injuries that ranged from head trauma to spine fractures and other broken bones.

"Several of them will have a long road of recovery ahead," said Sonlee West,

director of the hospital's trauma unit. "We have been in contact with family members of several of the patients, and several of them have been able to talk to their families."

The crash killed eight people and injured many of the 49 people aboard the Greyhound bus heading to Phoenix from Albuquerque. Several passengers were being treated Friday at hospitals in the Gallup area, about 30 miles (48 kilometers) from the crash site. Authorities said Friday they were working on positively identifying those who were killed through fingerprints and other means.

The semitrailer was headed east on the freeway Thursday afternoon when one of its tires blew, sending the rig carrying produce across the median and into oncoming traffic, where it slammed into the bus, New Mexico State Police said.

Passing motorists described a chaotic scene with passengers on the ground and people screaming.

Eric Huff was heading to the Grand Canyon with his girlfriend when they came



This photo provided by Chris Jones shows first responders working the scene of a collision between a Greyhound passenger bus and a semi-truck on Interstate 40 near the town of Thoreau, N.M., near the Arizona border, Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018.

Associated Press

across the crash. The semi's trailer was upside down and "shredded to pieces," and the front of the bus was smashed, he said, with many of the seats pressed together.

Truck driver Santos Soto III shot video showing the front of the Greyhound sheared off and the semi split open, with its contents strewn across the highway. He saw people sobbing on the side of the road as bystanders tried to comfort them.

"I was really traumatized myself, because I've been driving about two years and I had never seen any-

thing like that before," Soto said.

Chris Jones was headed west on Interstate 40 when he caught his first glimpse of the semi turned over. He stopped to help and came across the driver of the semi.

"He was sitting there on the shoulder on the front road, still in shock, trying to figure out what was going on," Jones said.

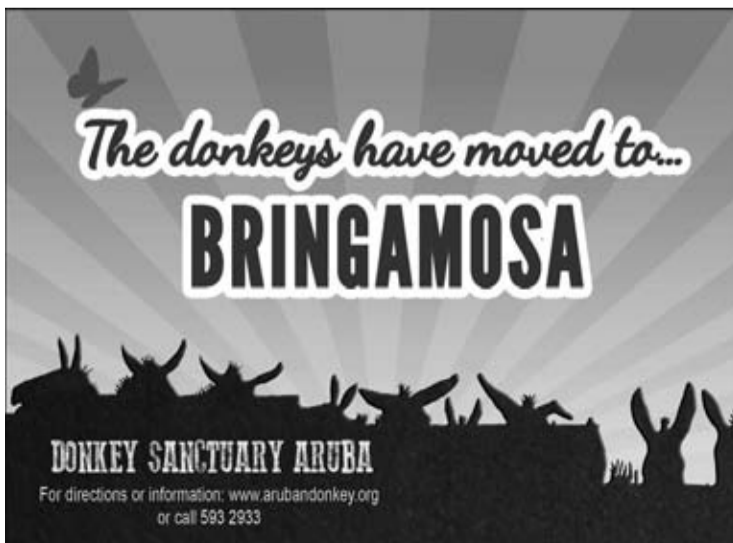
He said the driver told him that one of his front tires had popped, forcing the truck to veer into oncoming traffic, where it slammed into the bus.

Authorities have not identi-

fied the truck driver or the trucking company, saying the investigation is ongoing. The National Transportation Safety Board is helping investigate.

Greyhound spokeswoman Crystal Booker said in a statement that the company was cooperating with authorities and will also complete an investigation of its own.

A pile of debris remained on the shoulder of the highway Friday, but transportation crews had yet to clear it because they said it contained evidence and belongings from the bus passengers. □



## Groundbreaking alternative paper Village Voice shuts down

NEW YORK (AP) — The publisher of The Village Voice says the venerable alternative weekly will cease publication. Friday's announcement by Voice owner Peter Barbey comes three years after Barbey bought the paper and one year after it ceased publishing in print.

Barbey called Friday "a sad day for The Village Voice and millions of readers." He said the paper has been subject to "the increasingly harsh economic realities" facing those creating journalism. He said staff members have been working to ensure that the print ar-

chive of the Voice is made digitally accessible.

The Village Voice was the country's first alternative newsweekly, founded in 1955 by a group that included writer Norman Mailer. It has received three Pulitzer Prizes and many other awards over the years. □



# Yemen rebel threats to Dubai show danger looms

By JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — A false claim by Yemen's Houthi rebels of an attack on the world's busiest airport for international travel this week may have been quickly disproven by authorities in Dubai. That doesn't mean, however, it can be taken too lightly.

The insistence of the Houthis and hard-line media in Iran on trumpeting the falsehood serves as a warning to the city-state and other parts of the United Arab Emirates, now engaged in the yearslong Yemen war led by Saudi Arabia.

And while a previous threat carried by Iranian media drew an immediate government response from censors, this one went by without censure. That means as American sanctions sparked by President Donald Trump's withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal increase, so too will the threats against the U.S.-allied UAE.

The recent war of words began Monday afternoon. The Houthi-controlled satellite news channel Al-Masirah and others began



In this March 22, 2017, file photo, an Emirates plane taxis to a gate at Dubai International Airport in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

claiming without offering any evidence that they attacked Dubai International Airport, a massive transit hub in the sheikhdom that saw 88.2 million passengers last year alone.

Any attack on the airport would cause travel disruptions across the world, as the airport serves as the hub of the long-haul carrier Emirates that links the East

and the West from the Arabian Peninsula.

But the Houthi claim alleged the Shiite rebels used a Samad-3 drone to bomb an airfield some 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) away from territory they control in Yemen, far beyond the believed distance one of their bomb-laden attack drones can fly. Faked satellite imagery later circu-

lated online, as did videos of an August 2016 Emirates crash-landing at the airport that some falsely claimed showed the supposed attack. Though quickly disproved, the claim gained immediate traction in Iran, which backs the Houthis in the conflict. While Iran directly denies arming the rebels, the United Nations and Western powers have

documented arms transfers to the Houthis by Tehran of everything from Kalashnikov assault rifles to the ballistic missile technology used to periodically target cities as far away as the Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh. Iran's semi-official Fars news agency, long believed to be close to the country's hard-line paramilitary Revolutionary Guard, heralded the would-be attack on Monday as showing "Dubai is no longer safe." Fars alleged Dubai serves as the home of Western intelligence agencies. Such threats against Dubai itself are rare. While the UAE's Abu Dhabi-based federal government remains highly suspicious of Iran and has worked to expand its military in recent years to counter the threat, Dubai and other northern emirates in the country of seven sheikhdoms have historic ties to Iran. Many ethnic Persians live in the UAE. The skyscraper apartments and banks of Dubai also serve as a crucial financial safe haven for the average Iranian, as well as for government and paramilitary officials to launder money. □

Associated Press

# Amsterdam police study possible terror motive for stabbings

By ALEKSANDAR FURTULA

Associated Press

**AMSTERDAM (AP)** — Police investigators in Amsterdam included an extremist attack as a possible motive for the stabbings of two people at a busy railway station Friday as authorities in the Dutch capital reported that a suspect shot by police is an Afghan citizen. The 19-year-old man was questioned about his intent late Friday at the hospital where he was being treated for gunshot wounds while under guard, Amsterdam City Hall said in a statement.

The people stabbed at Central Station around noon also were being treated in a hospital. Their injuries were serious, but not

life threatening, according to the city's statement. Neither they nor the suspect were identified.

"The victims were not chosen deliberately or with a clear reason," Amsterdam authorities said. "The investigation is still underway, and all scenarios remain open for the investigation team."

The suspect has a German residence permit, and Amsterdam police were in contact with authorities in Germany to find out about his background, according to the city government.

The stabbings occurred shortly after noon (1000 GMT; 6 a.m. EDT) at Central Station in downtown Amsterdam when a man walked into a group of

people.

"Something happened, we don't know yet what, but during that two people were stabbed and one

person with a knife in his hand walked away and he was shot by police," police spokesman Rob van der Veen said during the



Dutch police officers near the scene of a stabbing attack near the central daily station in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, Friday Aug. 31, 2018.

Associated Press

afternoon. Forensics experts spent hours combing the scene, disrupting rail services into the evening rush hour. Two platforms were temporarily closed to train traffic, but the station wasn't evacuated. Trams to and from the square in front of the station were stopped as police and emergency services converged on the area. Red and white police tape kept members of the public away from the scene. Central Station is a busy entry and exit point for visitors to Amsterdam, with regular trains linking it to the city's Schiphol Airport. Friday is one of the busiest days of the week for train travel as tourists arrive for the weekend. □





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## Germany, some EU partners oppose Serbia-Kosovo land swap

By PHILIPP JENNE  
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**VIENNA (AP)** — Germany and some of its European Union partners voiced fears Friday that a possible land-swap between Serbia and Kosovo could open up old wounds in the Balkans rather than resolve their long-standing differences. NATO intervened in 1999 to stop a bloody Serb crackdown on Albanian separatists in Kosovo. Kosovo unilaterally declared independence from Serbia in 2008.

At talks between EU foreign ministers in Vienna, German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said that any exchange of territory "could rip open too many old wounds within the population. And that's why we are very skeptical about this."

There are fears in Western Europe that any changes of the borders between Serbia and Kosovo could trigger the same demands in Bosnia, Macedonia and Montenegro, similar to the ones that triggered the bloody breakup of the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s. U.S. President Donald Trump's administration has signaled it would accept any agreement between the two sides.

Kosovo President Hashim Thaci said in early August that he rejects the idea of dividing the territory along ethnic lines, but he said he is open to discussing "a correction" of borders during EU-mediated peace talks with Serbia. However, Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj on Friday said that any land swap would bring



German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas and the European Union chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier, address media during joint press conference as part of meeting at the Foreign Ministry in Berlin, Germany, Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018.

Associated Press

new tragedies in the Balkans.

Kosovo is recognized as a nation by more than 100 countries, but Serbia and five EU countries — Cyprus, Greece, Romania, Slovakia and Spain — refuse to do so. Spain, for example, fears that such a move might encourage Catalan or Basque separatists.

Karin Kneissl, the foreign minister of Austria, whose country currently holds the EU's rotating presidency, said: "I don't want to lecture but border changes have always have brought new problems with them." Her Luxembourg counterpart, Jean Asselborn, said "I'm warning against cutting things into pieces."

"This can, let's say, have a

very negative effect on other countries in this region. That's why you need to be very careful here," he told reporters.

Tensions between Serbia and Kosovo remain high after seven years of negotiations even though the EU has made it clear to both governments that they must normalize relations if they hope to join the bloc. Some Serbian and Kosovo government officials have suggested a possible solution could be a land swap based on where ethnic Serb and Albanian minorities are concentrated — Kosovo's northern Mitrovica region for Serbia's Presevo Valley.

The Serbian government official in charge of oversee-

ing the Kosovo Serb-populated territories in the former province, Marko Djuric, said Friday in Belgrade that Kosovo Albanian officials "can only dream" about gaining any part of Serbia in the negotiations.

"They have this maddening dream, those crazy territorial pretensions," said Djuric, announcing a visit to Kosovo by Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic to the Serb enclaves on Sept. 8-9. Thaci told The Associated Press on Aug. 1 that there would be no "division, but a correction of borders" that could possibly make the Presevo Valley a part of Kosovo. He didn't say whether that would involve a trade of northern Mitrovica, where the majority of

Kosovo Serbs live.

But Haradinaj wrote on his Facebook page Friday that "continuous public debate on border re-designing and a land swap is an invitation for new tragedies in the Balkans." "We have paid a high price for peace we enjoy nowadays and we wouldn't like to enter into dangerous scenarios to restart a new NATO intervention," said Haradinaj.

Kadri Veseli, parliamentary speaker and leader of the main Democratic Party of Kosovo, also opposed any land swap saying that "Kosovo's territorial integrity is sacred."

Belgian Foreign Minister Didier Reynders said that it's up to Belgrade and Pristina to decide.

"I believe it's up to them to establish what might be the elements of an agreement," he said. "It's not up to the European Union to provide guidelines on what should be in it. We are trying above all to support their discussions."

Romanian Foreign Minister Teodor-Viorel Melescanu agreed, saying that once the two reach a clear understanding, this would "help us very much, other countries who have not recognized Kosovo, to arrive at a final decision about it."

Serbian Foreign Minister Ivica Dacic said only that his country is committed to finding a compromise, "but we're not sure yet when it is going to happen."

The presidents of Serbia and Kosovo meet in Brussels on Sept. 7 to continue the negotiations. □



# Ukraine separatists report leader killed in cafe explosion

By JIM HEINTZ  
Associated Press

**MOSCOW (AP)** — The leader of the Russia-backed separatists fighting in eastern Ukraine's Donetsk region was killed Friday by an explosion at a cafe, the separatists' news agency said Friday.

Rebel news agency DAN said the afternoon explosion killed Alexander Zakharchenko, 42, the prime minister of the self-declared Donetsk People's Republic. The separatist government's revenue minister, Alexander Timofeev, was severely injured in the blast, Russian news agencies reported.

The Donetsk People's Republic, along with a separatist republic in neighboring Luhansk, has fought Ukrainian forces since 2014, the same year Zakharchenko became DPR's prime minister. More than 10,000 people have died in the armed conflict.

Russian President Vladimir Putin lauded Zakharchenko as "a true people's leader" and promised residents of Donetsk that "Russia always will be with you."

The cafe in the city of Donetsk that was hit by the



In this Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014 file photo, rebel leader Alexander Zakharchenko stands during a swearing in ceremony in Donetsk, Ukraine.

Associated Press

explosion, named Separ, was separatist-themed and had camouflage netting hanging from its eaves, recent photographs show.

It was not immediately clear if a bomb caused the blast or it resulted from something else. Russia's Interfax news agency cited local sources as saying suspects had been detained, but there was no official

confirmation. Denis Pushilin, the speaker of the separatists' parliament, blamed Ukrainian forces for the explosion, calling it "the latest aggression from the Ukrainian side," according to DAN. A spokeswoman for the Ukrainian Security Service, Elena Gitlyanskaya, said "The Ukrainian special services don't have any kind

of connection to this." There have been several assassinations or attempted slayings of prominent rebels in recent years. It never was established if pro-Kiev attackers were responsible or if the violence resulted from factional disputes within the rebel ranks or Moscow's possible desire to eliminate individuals it found inconvenient.

Among the prominent separatists who have been targeted are former Luhansk leader Igor Plotnitsky, who was severely injured in 2016 when a bomb exploded near his car; Arsen Pavlov, a feared squadron leader known as "Motorola" who died when the elevator of his apartment building was bombed; and fighter Mikhail Tolstykh, whose office is believed to have been hit by a shoulder-fired rocket.

Russia denies providing troops or equipment to the separatists despite widespread allegations it has done so.

Russia is believed to have supplied a mobile Buk missile launcher that a team of international investigators claims shot down a Malaysian passenger jet while flying over rebel territory in 2014, killing all 209 people aboard.

The rebellion in Donetsk and Luhansk arose soon after pro-Russia Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich was driven from power amid mass protests in February 2014. Russian-speakers predominate in the two regions, and separatist sentiment skyrocketed. □

# Syria rebels destroy bridges in anticipation of offensive

Associated Press

**BEIRUT (AP)** — Syrian opposition fighters blew up bridges Friday linking areas they control to government-held territories in northwestern Syria in anticipation of a military offensive against their last stronghold in the country, activists and a war monitor said.

The explosions rocked the area in al-Ghab plains, south of Idlib and came after rebels detected government troop movement in the area, according to Rami Abdurrahman, head of the war monitoring Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

Abdurrahman said two other bridges remain in the area and could be used by government forces to move in on the rebel stronghold. Most of Idlib province and



In this Sept. 19, 2013, file photo, smoke rises after TNT bomb was thrown from helicopter, hitting rebel position during heavy fighting between troops in Kafr Nabuda, in the Idlib province countryside, Syria.

Associated Press

adjacent strips of Hama province remain in the hands of an assortment of armed groups, some Turkey-backed and others independent Islamist groups. But the strongest alliance of

fighters is led by an al-Qaida-linked group that controls most of the area that is also home to some 3 million people. Thousands of government troops and allied fighters

have been amassing in areas surrounding Idlib while Russia, Syria's powerful ally, has said a military operation was necessary to weed out "terrorists" it blames for attacking its bases on the coast.

Turkey, which backs a number of opposition factions in Syria and has set up observation points that ring the rebel stronghold, has been seeking to curtail a full-scale offensive. Ankara fears a humanitarian and security crisis on its borders. U.N. officials estimate an offensive would trigger a wave of displacement that could uproot up to 800,000 people. The area is already displaced previously from other parts of Syria. The Observatory said Turkey-backed rebels blew up the bridges as part of their

reinforcement around the stronghold.

They have dug trenches, built berms and fortified their posts. Al-Qaida-linked authorities have also called on residents to take part in supporting the fighters, either through building reinforcements, volunteering to fight, or in field hospitals and kitchens to help men deployed on the frontline. It also called on residents to take to the streets after Friday prayers against an offensive and in support of the fighters. Thousands protested in various towns in Idlib and Hama, denouncing threats of an attack and hailing the area's readiness to fight.

The campaign for Idlib is likely to be the last major theater of battle after seven years of brutal civil war. □



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## Philippines informs China of grounded frigate amid sea feud

By JIM GOMEZ  
Associated Press

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)** — The Philippines notified China about a Philippine navy frigate that ran aground in the South China Sea to avoid any misunderstanding because the incident happened near a hotly disputed region, three Philippine officials said Friday. The BRP Gregorio del Pilar ran aground during a routine patrol Wednesday night in the vicinity of Half Moon Shoal, which is called Hasa Hasa in the Philippines, the Philippine military said, adding that its crew was unhurt. The barren shoal is on the eastern edge of the disputed Spratly archipelago, where tensions have run high in recent years after

China transformed seven disputed reefs into islands, including three with runways, and reportedly installed missile defense system. The United States and Asian governments which have claims in the region, including the Philippines, raised alarms over China's island building and militarization of the strategic territory. The Philippines earlier was one of the most vocal critics of China's assertive moves in the disputed waters. In 2016 it largely won a complaint it lodged before an international tribunal, which invalidated Beijing's sweeping territorial claims in the South China Sea. Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, however, took steps to revive once-frosty ties with China after he took



In this photo provided by Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine Navy ship BRP Gregorio del Pilar is seen after it ran aground during a routine patrol Wednesday, Aug. 29, 2018. Associated Press

office in 2016 as he sought infrastructure funding and more trade and investment from Beijing. The three Philippine officials said China was informed of the accident through its military attache at its embassy in Manila. They spoke on condition of anonymity

because they weren't authorized to discuss the issue publicly. Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said China offered to help deal with the problem but that the Philippines can handle it. "It was not intentional," military spokesman Col. Noel

Detoyato said about the grounding, in which he said the frigate hit a shallow stretch of coral outcrop sideways. Two Philippine tugboats were en route to extricate the frigate, Detoyato said, adding that the military deployed an aircraft to monitor the stalled ship. A Chinese frigate ran aground on the shoal in 2012 and was pulled away by Chinese military ships. Half Moon Shoal lies about 110 kilometers (68 miles) from the southern tip of the western Philippine island of Palawan and south of Second Thomas Shoal, where a Philippine navy transport ship was intentionally grounded in 1999 and has since served as a Philippine military outpost. □

## Petition demands Japanese lawmaker apologize for LGBT remark

By MARI YAMAGUCHI  
Associated Press

**TOKYO (AP)** — Japanese activists including seven parents of LGBT children submitted a petition with more than 25,000 signatures to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's party on Friday, demanding that a lawmaker apologize for saying that sexual minorities are unproductive and don't deserve public support. A lawmaker belonging to Abe's ruling party, Mio Sugita, said in a right-wing magazine in July that the government shouldn't use tax money for LGBT rights because same-sex couples don't produce children and have "no productivity." The



In the July 27, 2018 photo, people protest in front of ruling Liberal Democratic Party headquarters in Tokyo against lawmaker Mio Sugita. Associated Press

comment triggered outrage from sexual minorities as well as others, including the elderly and disabled.

Abe's Liberal Democratic Party was slow to respond, criticizing her only after tens of thousands of people

staged angry protests outside the party headquarters. While critics called her remark tantamount to hate speech, senior party officials seemed to excuse it by saying it represented one of a variety of views. The activists submitted 26,650 signatures to the party on Friday demanding that it have Sugita apologize. There is a superficial acceptance of homosexuality in Japan, generally in the entertainment industry. However, many homosexuals hide their sexuality, even from their families, because of a fear of prejudice at school or work in a country where pressure for conform-

mity is strong. Japan does not legally recognize same-sex marriages. As LGBT rights awareness has gradually grown in recent years, some municipalities have begun issuing partnership certificates to ease problems in renting apartments and other areas, but they are not legally binding. The group also demanded that the ruling party make clear that it does not tolerate views similar to Sugita's. Ryoko Kobayashi, the mother of a transgender son, said Sugita's remark deeply hurt the feelings of LGBT children who are already struggling with their sexual identities. □



# General: Rise in Rio police killings not sign of failed plan

By **PETER PRENGAMAN**  
**SERGIO RAMALHO**

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — Rio de Janeiro's public security secretary said Friday that a rise in killings during police operations was a sign that authorities were more aggressively confronting crime, and not of a worsening situation.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Friday, Gen. Richard Nunes pushed back against critics who argue that a military intervention is leading to more violence in the city that two years ago hosted the 2016 Summer Olympics. Nunes said that any analysis had to take into account the level of crime and problems in the police forces when the military was put in charge of security.

"The situation was really bad," said Nunes, a Rio native and career Army member who was tapped to lead the state's public security secretariat as part of the intervention.

Brazilian President Michel



Public Security Secretary of Rio de Janeiro Gen. Richard Nunes speaks during an interview, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Friday, Aug. 31, 2018.

Associated Press

Temer decreed the intervention in February after muggings and beatings were captured on camera during Rio's world famous Carnival celebrations. From the onset, civil rights groups have criticized the move,

fearing it would lead to more violence, particularly in marginalized neighborhoods. Six months in, there are some indications of increasing violence.

Between February and July of this year, there were 736

deaths during police operations compared to 547 during the same period last year, according to state figures.

Nunes lamented the deaths and predicted the numbers would start coming down.

However, he said the situation wasn't comparable because a year ago police forces were suffering from underfunding and a lack of motivation, which added to a situation where many criminals groups were operating with few checks.

Retraining, the hiring of some new recruits and cracking down on corruption within police ranks was having a positive impact, he said. Nunes cited a significant drop in robberies of cargo on long-bed trucks, a persistent problem in the state, as a sign of improvement. He noted that fewer robberies meant less associated crime.

"We now have a much stronger police presence in the streets," said Nunes.

Nunes said one of the biggest challenges had been working to find solutions amid large budget deficits. Brazil, with Latin America's largest economy, has struggled to fully emerge from its worst recession in decades. □

# Guatemala president shuts down UN anti-corruption commission

By **SONIA PEREZ D.**  
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Associated Press

**GUATEMALA CITY (AP)** — Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales on Friday shut down a crusading U.N.-sponsored anti-graft commission that has pressed a number of high-profile corruption probes — including one pending against him over purported illicit campaign financing.

Speaking in front of civilian and military leaders as army vehicles surrounded the commission's headquarters in the capital, Morales said he had informed the U.N. secretary-general of his decision to revoke the body's mandate and "immediately" begin transferring its capacities to Guatemalan institutions.

The decision caps a long history of friction between the president and the International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala, or Cicig for its initials in Spanish.

In August 2017, Morales



Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales speaks to the nation in a televised address, surrounded by military officers, in Guatemala City, Friday, Aug. 31, 2018.

Associated Press

announced that he was expelling the commission's chief, Ivan Velasquez, but that move was quickly blocked by Guatemala's top court.

At the time Morales declared Velasquez a persona non grata and fired his foreign minister for refusing to carry out the order to expel him, before later backing off and saying he would obey the court's decision.

Morales accused the commission Friday of "violating our laws, inducing people and institutions to participate in acts of corruption and impunity," and "selective criminal prosecution with an ideological bias."

"Selective justice has been used to intimidate and terrorize the citizenry," he charged. "Judicial independence has been violated, with the intention of

manipulating justice, actions that attack the presumption of innocence and due process."

The announcement was promptly met with criticism from human rights officials and advocates.

"We sincerely regret the great mistake that the president made public in not renewing Cicig's mandate," Guatemalan human rights prosecutor Jordan Rodas said.

"We are grateful for its valuable contribution in the country to the fight against corruption and impunity." Morales is suspected of receiving at least \$1 million in undeclared contributions during the 2015 campaign. He has denied wrongdoing.

Last week the Supreme Court allowed a request brought by Cicig and Guatemalan prosecutors to strip his immunity from prosecution to go to Congress for consideration. If 105 lawmakers vote in favor, it could open him up to in-

vestigation for possible illicit campaign financing.

"I think there's a conflict of interest, and an attempt by President Morales to try to protect his own interests in light of the ongoing investigation and probe," said Adriana Beltran, director for citizen security at the Washington Office on Latin America, which advocates for human rights in the region.

Beltran said Cicig and Velasquez have made remarkable progress in strengthening the rule of law in Guatemala "despite constant attacks and efforts to try to undermine (their) work," and that "there's still much more that needs to be done."

At least 12 military vehicles were outside the commission's headquarters Friday, and Cicig spokesman Matias Ponce told The Associated Press that police and army vehicles intercepted a car carrying a team from the commission on a street in the capital. □



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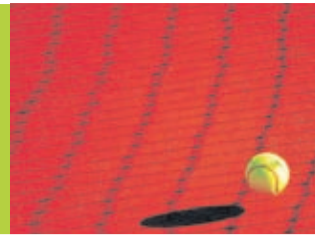


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Yankees get clean-cut McCutchen from Giants for playoff push

By JAKE SEINER  
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — With shoulder-length dreadlocks and a well-crafted beard, Andrew McCutchen spent his 20s forcing the baseball spotlight to shine bright on small-market Pittsburgh.

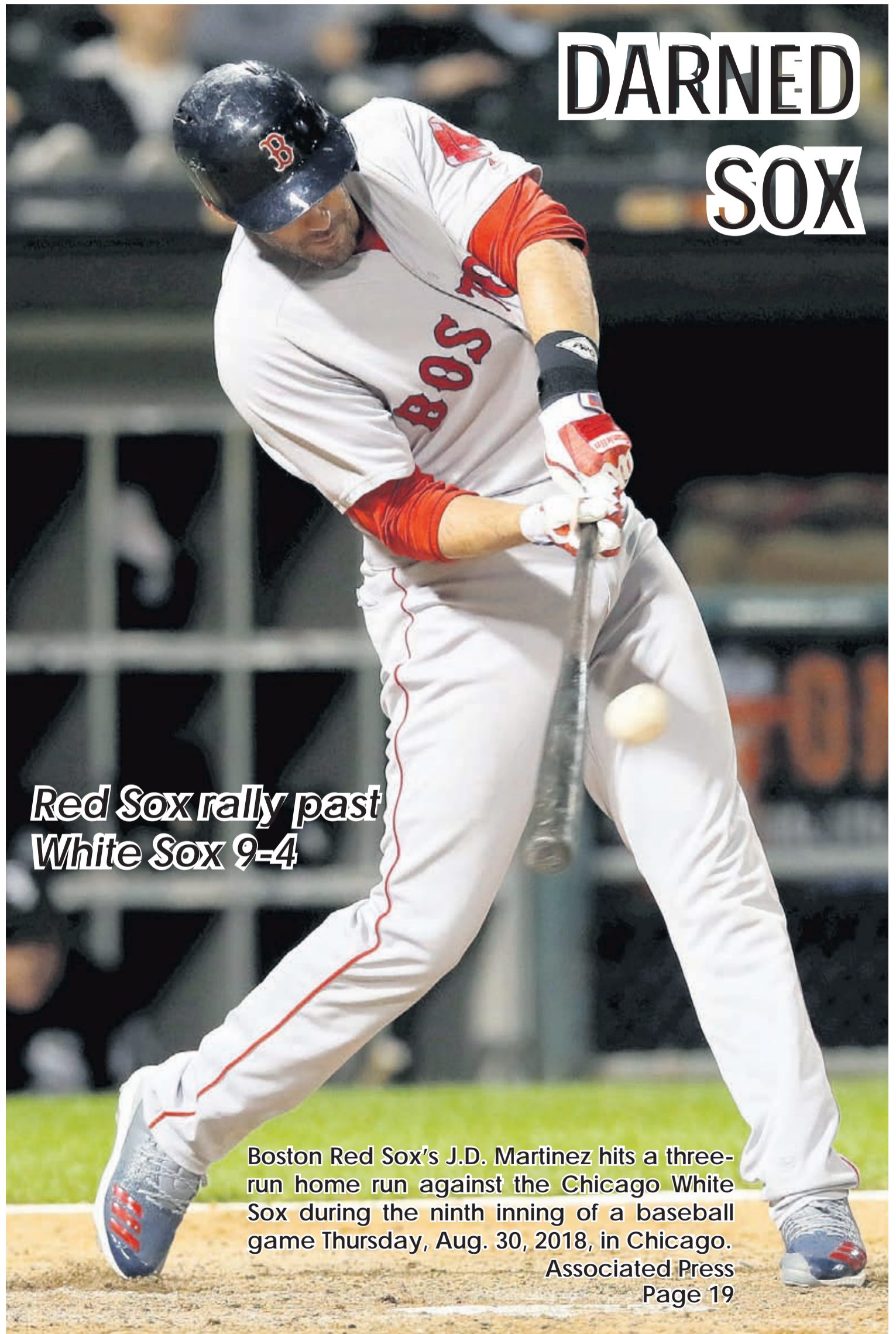
Now, a clean-cut McCutchen is coming cross-country to one of the sport's grandest stages.

"Just gonna take me a sec to get used to my freshly shaved face," he joked on Twitter.

The playoff-contending New York Yankees acquired the former NL MVP from the San Francisco Giants on Friday for two prospects. The teams announced the deal on the last day for trades to be done for players to be eligible for the postseason. McCutchen is expected to arrive in time to debut Saturday against Detroit, when he'll play right field, filling in for the injured Aaron Judge.

"We're getting a really good player," manager Aaron Boone said, adding that "I think his reputation precedes him. This is as high a character person as we have in our game and I know he'll fit well in our room."

McCutchen already knows one of his new teammates well — Neil Walker, who played with the then-long-haired McCutchen in the minor leagues, then joined him in helping the Pirates end a 20-year playoff drought in 2013. McCutchen won that season's NL MVP Award.



DARNED SOX

Red Sox rally past White Sox 9-4

Boston Red Sox's J.D. Martinez hits a three-run home run against the Chicago White Sox during the ninth inning of a baseball game Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, in Chicago.

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# U.S. Open ... and shut: Stephens gets past Azarenka indoors

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Sloane Stephens doesn't betray much emotion on the court, so all of the double fist pumps at the conclusion of her U.S. Open match against former No. 1 Victoria Azarenka made perfectly clear just how tight and tense things had been. Stephens, the defending champion and No. 3 seed, grabbed the last three games after returning from a brief break while the Arthur Ashe Stadium's roof was shut Friday and pulled out a 6-3, 6-4 victory over two-time runner-up Azarenka to reach the fourth round.

What helped Stephens after the 8-minute delay?

"Just kind of refocusing," she said.

Stephens went from up a set and a break at 3-1 in the second to down 4-3 when Azarenka took three games in a row. With light rain falling, play was halted while the cover was closed — although play carried on everywhere else, including the new Louis Armstrong Stadium, the only other



Sloane Stephens reacts after defeating Victoria Azarenka, of Belarus, during the third round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Friday, Aug. 31, 2018, in New York.

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arena at Flushing Meadows with a retractable roof.

"The man upstairs was looking out for me," Stephens said. "Unlucky for her."

When they resumed, she took control.

"I mean, of course it was a change of momentum. I won't be sitting here finding excuses; it's just what hap-

pens. You just have to accept (it)," said Azarenka, a former No. 1 who won the Australian Open twice and lost to Serena Williams in the U.S. Open final twice. "I just think from the tournament side, if they (are) expecting the showers, I think it might be better to just close the roof right from the begin-

ning. I think it would just be smarter."

This was a match filled with lengthy exchanges and some fantastic shotmaking by both women.

Stephens was just a bit better, particularly on the most crucial points. She won half of Azarenka's 10 service games. And Stephens also

made 10 fewer unforced errors, 27-17.

This is Stephens' sixth Grand Slam tournament since she had foot surgery in January 2017, and the other five followed a boom-or-bust pattern: In two, she reached the final, including at the French Open in June; in the other three, she exited in the first round.

This time, the American will seek a quarterfinal spot when she faces No. 15 Elise Mertens of Belgium on Sunday.

Mertens, who beat Stephens at a recent hard-court tuneup tournament, reached the fourth round in New York for the first time by defeating No. 23 Barbora Strycova 6-3, 7-6 (4). The other fourth-round matchup in that quarter will be No. 7 Elina Svitolina against No. 19 Anastasija Sevastova.

Scheduled for later Friday was the most-anticipated matchup of the women's field so far: Serena Williams vs. Venus Williams, Part 30. It's their earliest meeting at a Grand Slam tournament in 20 years. □

# U.S. Open to AP: Umpire at Kyrgios match will keep working

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The chair umpire who climbed out of his seat to talk with Nick Kyrgios during a second-round match will continue to officiate during the U.S. Open. A "comprehensive review conducted by a number of tournament officials" determined that chair umpire Mohamed Lahyani's mid-match chat with Kyrgios went "beyond our protocol," U.S. Tennis Association spokesman Chris Widmaier told The Associated Press on Friday.

But Widmaier said that Lahyani would not be sanctioned, on account of his "exemplary track record as an international tennis official."

"He now has a better understanding of what our protocols are and was informed that he needs to stick to those protocols for



Nick Kyrgios, of Australia, wipes his face during a match against Pierre-Hugues Herbert, of France, during the second round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, in New York.

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the rest of the tournament," Widmaier said. "Each of his matches will be monitored."

Lahyani was assigned to umpire a men's doubles match on Court 13 on Friday.

On Thursday, Kyrgios, a 23-year-old Australian, did not appear to be putting forth much effort while dropping the first set and falling behind 3-0 in the second against Pierre-Hugues Herbert of France. During

a changeover, Lahyani left his chair — a rare sight in Grand Slam tennis — to speak to Kyrgios, leaning with hands on knees while saying, "I want to help you." The 30th-seeded Kyrgios wound up beating Herbert 4-6, 7-6 (6), 6-3, 6-0 and will face Roger Federer in the third round Saturday.

Widmaier said tournament referee Brian Earley and chief umpire Soeren Friemel were among those who "met with Mohamed several times following yesterday's match" as part of the review.

Herbert said Thursday he thought Lahyani should be sanctioned in some way.

"This was not his job," Herbert said. "I don't think he's a coach, he's an umpire, and he should stay on his chair for that."

During an occasionally confrontational and sarcastic exchange with re-

porters after the match, Kyrgios laughed at the suggestion that he had received coaching or a pep talk from Lahyani.

"I mean, like, I don't have a coach. I haven't had a coach for, like, years. Of course he wasn't coaching me. Like, what are you talking about?" Kyrgios said.

"He said he liked me. I'm not sure if that was encouragement. He just said that it's not a good look," Kyrgios said. "Look. I wasn't feeling good. I know what I was doing out there wasn't good. I wasn't really listening to him, but I knew it wasn't a good look."

Kyrgios has run into trouble in the past for not giving his all during matches, even drawing a fine and suspension from the ATP men's tour in 2016.

As Herbert put it: "Just sometimes he's mentally not here." □



# Bradley helps Red Sox rally past White Sox 9-4

By The Associated Press

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Jackie Bradley Jr. hit a sacrifice fly in Boston's four-run seventh inning and a tiebreaking single in the ninth, helping the Red Sox beat the Chicago White Sox 9-4 on Thursday night.

Ian Kinsler sparked the winning rally with a one-out single off Thyago Vieira (1-1) for the last of his three hits. Blake Swihart then walked before Bradley drove in Kinsler with a liner into right field.

Major league-leading Boston poured it on from there. Andrew Benintendi added another RBI single and J.D. Martinez hit a three-run drive for his 39th homer, making it 9-4 and sending much of the crowd of 18,015 to the exits.

Mookie Betts also homered as the Red Sox (93-42) earned their third straight win and increased their AL East advantage to 8 1/2 games over the New York Yankees, who blew a late lead in an 8-7 loss to Detroit. Ryan Brasier (1-0) pitched a perfect eighth for his first win in his 28th major league appearance.

Chicago (53-81) wasted a terrific start by Lucas Giolito, who struck out eight while pitching 6 1/3 innings of one-run ball. Avisail Garcia homered and drove in three runs, and Yolmer Sanchez collected three hits in the opener of a 10-game homestand.

**TIGERS 8, YANKEES 7**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Victor Martinez hit his second home run of the game and Niko Goodrum followed with a homer off Dellin Betances in the ninth inning, rallying Detroit past New York.

The Tigers, last in the majors in home runs, connected five times and ended a five-game losing streak.

Giancarlo Stanton hit his 300th career home run for the Yankees, who have lost three of four. They began the day 7 1/2 games behind Boston in the AL East and 4 1/2 games ahead of Oakland for the top wild-card spot.

Luke Voit hit a two-run homer in the seventh that

put the Yankees ahead 7-5. But Betances (4-4) walked Nicholas Castellanos with one out in the ninth and Martinez lined a drive to right for his 12th career multihomer game. Goodrum followed with a flyball that curled around the foul pole.

Alex Wilson (2-4) earned the win with a perfect eighth and Shane Greene recorded his 28th save.

**INDIANS 5, TWINS 3**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Jason Kipnis hit a three-run homer that broke a sixth-inning tie and sent Cleveland over Minnesota.

Mike Clevinger (10-7) allowed two unearned runs in 6 2/3 innings. The right-hander struck out nine and gave up four hits.

Brad Hand, the Indians' third reliever, allowed a lead-off homer to Miguel Sano in the ninth. Mitch Garver drew a one-out walk, but Hand struck out Jake Cave and Tyler Austin for his 30th save overall, and sixth since being acquired from San Diego at the trade deadline.

Cleveland reliever Cody Allen, who allowed two runs in the seventh inning and was the losing pitcher Wednesday, was booed when he entered the game with one out in the eighth.

Jake Odorizzi (5-9) was charged with three runs in 5 1/3 innings.

**ANGELS 5, ASTROS 2**

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Andrew Heaney threw six scoreless innings, Andrelton Simmons capped a four-run sixth inning with a three-run double and Los Angeles beat Houston.

Heaney (8-8) scattered five hits with six strikeouts to earn his first road win since Sept. 2, 2015, at Oakland.

Justin Verlander (13-9) allowed three runs and five hits but struck out 11 in 5 1/3 innings. Verlander allowed three or more runs for the third straight start.

Tyler White hit a two-run homer to left field in the ninth as Houston avoided the shutout.

**MARINERS 7, ATHLETICS 1**

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Wade LeBlanc pitched seven scoreless innings, Mitch



New York Yankees' Giancarlo Stanton watches his two-run home run during the third inning against the Detroit Tigers during a baseball game Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, at Yankee Stadium in New York. It was Stanton's 300th career home run.

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Haniger hit his 23rd home run and Seattle jumped on Oakland early and held on for a victory.

Robinson Cano had two hits and an RBI after being dropped down a spot

in the batting order after second baseman Jean Segura was scratched. Dee Gordon and Ryon Healy added two hits apiece. Haniger homered off Frankie Montas (5-4) with one out

in the fourth.

LeBlanc (8-3) allowed three hits and three walks with four strikeouts. He retired 12 of his final 13 batters to win for the second time in his last seven starts. □

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# NL West-leading D-backs beat Dodgers 3-1 in series opener

By The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — David Peralta hit a three-run homer in the fifth inning and NL West-leading Arizona defeated Los Angeles in the opener of a pivotal series.

The loss snapped the Dodgers' five-game winning streak, which they had put together against last-place San Diego and Texas. They struck out 15 times, including four by Chris Taylor.

Robbie Ray (4-2) gave up one run and four hits in 5 1/3 innings. Brad Boxberger got the final two outs in the ninth to earn his 31st save in 37 chances.

Peralta sent his 26th homer into right field on the first pitch from Rich Hill with two outs, giving Arizona a 3-0 lead.

Hill (6-5) allowed three runs and six hits in five innings. The left-hander struck out seven and walked none.

**BREWERS 2, REDS 1, 11 INNINGS**

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Lorenzo Cain hit a home run off the top of the left field fence in the 11th inning and Milwaukee, a day after winning a slugfest that went extras, edged Cincinnati.

NL batting leader Christian Yelich went 0 for 4 with a bases-loaded walk for Milwaukee. On Wednesday night, he went 6 for 6 and hit for the cycle as the Brewers outlasted Cincinnati 13-12 in 10 innings.



Arizona Diamondbacks' David Peralta follows through on a three-run home run against the Los Angeles Dodgers during the fifth inning of a baseball game Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, in Los Angeles.

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The playoff-contending Brewers totaled just six hits in their latest victory. Cain hit the first pitch from Austin Brice (2-3) that hit the wall and bounced over for his 10th home run. Brice, re-

called from Triple-A Louisville before the game, left with an apparent injury one out into the 11th.

Joakim Soria (1-0) allowed a hit with two strikeouts in a scoreless 10th to get the win. Josh Hader pitched the 11th for his 11th save.

**CARDINALS 5, PIRATES 0 ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Harrison

Bader and John Gant hit back-to-back home runs, Gant pitched into the sixth inning and St. Louis beat Pittsburgh.

The Cardinals have won 17 of 21 and took their tenth consecutive series, their longest series winning streak since 2009, when they also won ten in a row.

Gant (6-5) pitched out of a bases-loaded situation in the first and a two-on, no-out jam in the third to win for the third time in his last four tries. He struck out six in 5 2/3 innings and has allowed one earned run in his last 12 2/3 innings.

Pirates starter Joe Musgrove (5-8) opened the game with 21 consecutive strikes, a first in the majors since pitch tracking began in 1988, according to Stats. That control didn't do him much good, though. He gave up five runs in six innings.

**CUBS 5, BRAVES 4**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Tommy La Stella hit the first pinch-hit homer of his career against his former team, carrying Chicago over Atlanta in a matchup of NL division leaders.

After Atlanta went ahead with a three-run fifth, La Stella launched a two-run shot off Mike Foltynewicz (10-9) that nearly reached the Chop House restaurant above the right-field seats. It was also La Stella's first homer of the season. Freddie Freeman had three RBIs for the Braves. Brandon Kintzler (2-3) claimed the win by getting the final out of the fifth. Pedro Strop worked the ninth for his 11th save. □

# The Sho goes on! Ohtani set for pitching return Sunday night

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Shohei Ohtani is a two-way player again.

Angels manager Mike Scioscia announced Thursday the Japanese rookie sensation will start for Los Angeles on Sunday night for the first time since spraining the ulnar collateral ligament in his right pitching elbow nearly three months ago.

Ohtani will make his return on national television against the defending World Series champion Houston Astros. Ohtani has thrown up to 50 pitches in the bullpen as he attempts to work back from the UCL injury that many feared might require Tommy John surgery and keep him out of action through the 2019 season. He'll be on a limited pitch count.



Los Angeles Angels' Shohei Ohtani, of Japan, sits in the dugout prior to a baseball game against the Colorado Rockies, Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, in Anaheim, Calif.

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"We will monitor that very closely," Scioscia said. "We will have a range, but we are going to wait and talk internally to see what he is going to be able to do and

see how the game is going."

Ohtani was diagnosed following a start on June 6 and has been treated with a platelet-rich plasma in-

jection and an injection of stem cells. He returned to hitting in early July and has 15 home runs and an .897 OPS as a part-time designated hitter. He's been slowly working back on the mound and could make as many as five starts the rest of the season if the Angels continue to use him once per week, as they were prior to the injury.

"This is going to be fluid," Scioscia said.

"This is going to be directed from a lot of input from our medical staff. From how he's evaluated after every outing, we will see the frequency he's going to get out more."

Scioscia added that Ohtani would likely not hit the day before or after pitching, as had been the practice be-

fore his injury.

Ohtani was excellent over nine starts before getting hurt, going 4-1 with a 3.10 ERA.

"Very excited," Scioscia said about seeing Ohtani back on the mound, "but obviously, I don't know if we could put those expectations that we had for Shohei when he really hit stride, have those expectations what he's going to come out and do for Sunday. Hopefully, he's going to get back to that."

The Angels want to determine as soon as possible if Ohtani's UCL will require surgery. If he waits to test the elbow in spring training next year and still needs Tommy John surgery, he would likely miss time during the 2020 season as well. □



# Keegan Bradley picks up the pieces in Boston

By DOUG FERGUSON  
NORTON, Mass. (AP) — Keegan Bradley managed to forget about the way he played last week and started a new FedEx Cup playoff event Friday with high hopes.

Tiger Woods switched putters and stayed in the middle of the pack.

Bradley opened the Dell Technologies Championship with a 4-under 67 on Friday, good enough in breezy conditions at the TPC Boston to share the early lead with Chris Kirk and Beau Hossler. Depending on how the late starters fared, it would be the highest 18-hole score to lead at the TPC Boston since the tournament began in 2003. Five days ago, Bradley played in the final group at The Northern Trust and closed with a 78. What made it sting even more is that Bradley hasn't won in six years, and another Ryder Cup is approaching with his name not even being mentioned.

At least he didn't have to wait long to fix whatever went wrong.

"I'm right back up there again," Bradley said. "To be honest, I was really

bumped out, and then just a couple of days went by and I didn't care anymore. It was tough, because I felt like that was my day to kind of tell everybody that maybe I was back and I was here to stay. And I may have put too much pressure on myself. But it's nice to come right back out and play quickly. So I didn't have to wait a week or two weeks. And that was great."

Bradley opened with four birdies in eight holes and then held his own on the back nine as the wind began to gust.

Woods had a far less auspicious start by changing clubs on the 10th tee to start his round, though it wasn't indecision. His caddy accidentally switched the head covers on the 3-wood and 5-wood while they were on the range. No matter. Woods sent his preferred club, the 3-wood, into the bushes on the left and made bogey. He was 3 over for the round until he started pecking away, including a tough par save on his penultimate hole.

Woods switched to a new putter that resembles the one with which he won



Keegan Bradley reads the ninth green during the first round of the Dell Technologies Championship golf tournament at TPC Boston in Norton, Mass., Friday, Aug. 31, 2018.

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all but one of his majors. It wasn't a reaction to finishing in a tie for 40th at Ridge-wood Country Club, saying instead that TaylorMade had been working on this model the last few months. Even so, it remains a struggle to get all components of his game working. The

putting kept his score from being worse. Woods instead struggled with his irons, though the wind had a lot to do with that, and failed to break par in the opening round for the 10th time in his last 11 tournaments.

"I putted beautifully today, I really did," Woods said. "I hit a lot of good putts, and just have to give myself more looks out of them. I didn't hit the ball close enough." Dustin Johnson also started poorly, but the world's No. 1 player turned it around. Starting on No. 10, he ran off three straight birdies around the turn, had his momentum stall by missing a short par putt, added two birdies late and shot 68. Johnson was one shot behind, alone with Xander Schauffele and Webb Simpson. It's a big week for Schauffele as the final tour-

namment before U.S. Ryder Cup captain Jim Furyk announces three of his four picks. Schauffele finished 12th in the standings.

He played alongside Jordan Spieth, who also could use a big week. Spieth already is on the Ryder Cup team. The 25-year-old Texan is running out of tournaments to avoid a winless year for the first time since 2014. He also, and more urgently, wants to be at East Lake for the Tour Championship. Spieth started the postseason at No. 43 and moved up 10 spots. He has two weeks to crack the top 30, and would love nothing more than to not have that hanging over him at the BMW Championship next week.

"Ideally this week, play well, have a chance to win and not worry about the rest of that," he said. □

## Olesen in strong position to seal Ryder Cup spot in Denmark

AARHUS, Denmark (AP) — Thorbjorn Olesen was in a strong position to secure the final qualifying place in Europe's Ryder Cup team despite making the cut only on the number at the Made In Denmark event on Friday. Only a victory for Matthew Fitzpatrick or Eddie Pepperell can deny Olesen the last automatic spot in the Europe team via the world points list, but the English players were far off the lead after the second round at Silkeborg Ry Golf Club.

Pepperell shot a 3-under 69 and was 5 under overall, eight strokes behind leader Christiaan Bezuidenhout of South Africa. Fitzpatrick shot 68 and was a stroke

further back.

They both need big weekends in central Denmark to deny Olesen a first-ever Ryder Cup appearance under the captaincy of his compatriot, Thomas Bjorn. The biggest 36-hole deficit made up by a winner this season is nine shots, by Alex Noren at the French Open. "It will take a silly low weekend," said Fitzpatrick, who made his Ryder Cup debut in 2016 at Hazeltine. "If I could shoot a couple of 64s then I would have a chance."

Olesen shot 69 and made the weekend on the cut mark at 2-under 142.

"I feel like I am very close to shooting a low number," Olesen said, "and playing

the way I have been for the last three months or so."

Bezuidenhout made eight birdies in a 65 that left him on 13 under, tying Bradley Dredge's tournament record after 36 holes. Bezuidenhout was two strokes ahead of Ryder Cup vice-captain Lee Westwood (65) and first-round leader Jonathan Thomson (69). □

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# Aaron Donald ends holdout with record deal from Rams

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — All-Pro defensive tackle Aaron Donald agreed to a massive new contract with the Los Angeles Rams on Friday, ending his second consecutive preseason holdout as the highest-paid defensive player in NFL history.

The Rams announced a new six-year deal through 2024 for Donald, the reigning NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

ESPN and the NFL Network reported the new deal is worth \$135 million over six years, with a \$40 million signing bonus and \$87 million guaranteed. Donald is already under contract this season for \$6.89 million in the final year of his rookie deal.

Donald was chosen for the Pro Bowl after each of his four NFL seasons. The 27-year-old Pitt product is the centerpiece of the Rams' defense and one of the NFL's most dominant linemen, demonstrating remarkable effectiveness against the run and the pass.

Donald was a key component of Los Angeles' extraordinary one-year turnaround under rookie coach Sean McVay in 2017. With Donald leading their defensive efforts



This Oct. 22, 2016, file photo shows Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle Aaron Donald on stage during an NFL Fan Rally in London.

under veteran coordinator Wade Phillips, the Rams won their division for the first time since 2003 and ended the franchise's streaks of 13 consecutive non-winning seasons and 12 straight non-playoff seasons.

But Donald also took a hard line in negotiating his football future. He skipped the past two training camps and preseasons while seeking a new contract, and he also skipped the Rams' entire offseason program this year.

He didn't report last year until the day before the

regular season opener, forcing him to miss the Rams' first game. He still earned recognition as the NFL's top defensive player despite playing in only 14 games, racking up 11 sacks and 41 tackles while forcing five fumbles for the NFC West champions. He also led the NFL with 91 quarterback pressures, according to Pro Football Focus.

With his holdout ended, Donald finally will be able to team up with Rams newcomer Ndamukong Suh and veteran Michael Brockers on a potentially

destructive defensive line. Donald has yet to work out alongside Suh after the five-time Pro Bowl selection joined the Rams as a free agent in March.

Earlier this week, McVay said Donald should be able to play in the Rams' Monday night regular-season opener in Oakland on Sept. 10 if he reached a deal with the Rams within the next few days. Donald has been working out at home in Pittsburgh during his holdout, and McVay checked in regularly with him.

The Rams managed to

maintain a civil relationship with Donald throughout the two years of difficult negotiations. Donald and his representatives were determined to make him one of the NFL's highest-paid players at any position, while the Rams wanted to reward Donald while keeping their overall salary structure intact.

Los Angeles demonstrated its willingness to pay top dollar for talent in recent months while agreeing to lucrative long-term deals with NFL Offensive Player of the Year Todd Gurley, receiver Brandin Cooks and right tackle Rob Havenstein. With Donald in camp, they've finally got their near-term roster settled while still maintaining significant room on their payroll for 2019 — just in time for quarterback Jared Goff to reach the fourth year of his rookie deal with the chance to negotiate a long-term contract.

A compact powerhouse with a ferocious work rate, the 6-foot-1 Donald has been uncommonly dominant since joining the Rams in St. Louis in 2014 as the 13th overall pick in the draft. He was the defensive rookie of the year, and he only sharpened his game while the Rams returned home to Los Angeles in 2016. □

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## McCutchen

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"I saw him for the three years that we made September, postseason pushes, elevate his game to the next level," Walker said. "Not that he needed to do that, but you saw him be the player that he's capable of being when the spotlight's on him. That's fully what I expect when he steps in here."

Walker and McCutchen spoke Friday morning. McCutchen's dreadlocks have been gone for a few years, but he was concerned about the beard he's worn for nearly his entire 10-year career. The

Yankees have a long-standing policy banning facial hair.

The 31-year-old McCutchen is hitting .255 with 15 home runs, 55 RBIs and 13 stolen bases.

His .357 on-base percentage trails only that of Judge (.398) and Aaron Hicks (.365) among qualified Yankees. He was a five-time All-Star with Pittsburgh.

McCutchen has been the Giants' regular right fielder since being acquired from Pittsburgh last offseason. He will fill that spot for the Yankees, who have been without Judge since his wrist was broken by a pitch



In this Aug. 18, 2018, file photo, San Francisco Giants' Andrew McCutchen, center, is congratulated in the dugout after scoring during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds, in Cincinnati.

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in late July. New York originally thought Judge could return within three weeks,

but five weeks later, he's yet to even grip a bat in a frustratingly slow recovery. "This is something that re-

ally helps us here and now," Boone said.

"And even when Aaron comes back, it's another really good player to give us options to match up things how we want to. It's just another really good player in the fold, but we believe Aaron will absolutely be back."

New York had the second-best record in the majors and was 8 1/2 games behind AL East-leading Boston going into a game Friday night against Detroit. The Yankees expect to activate injured catcher Gary Sanchez (groin) on Saturday and could also get short-stop Didi Gregorius (heel bruise) off the disabled list this weekend. □





In this Friday, March 2, 2018 file photo, United States' Jarrion Lawson makes an attempt in the men's long jump final at the World Athletics Indoor Championships in Birmingham, Britain.

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## American long jumper Lawson tests positive for steroid

MONACO (AP) — American long jumper Jarrion Lawson, who won silver at last year's world championships, has been suspended after failing a doping test. The Athletics Integrity Unit, which handles doping issues in track and field, says Lawson tested positive for a metabolite of the banned anabolic steroid trenbolone. It didn't say when the positive sample was taken. Lawson has been suspended until a full disciplinary hearing.

Lawson was fourth in the long jump at the 2016 Olympics and second at last year's world championships, finishing four centimeters behind gold medalist Luvo Manyonga of South Africa. Lawson also won the 100 meters, 200 meters and long jump for the University of Arkansas at the 2016 NCAA track nationals. Trenbolone helps build muscle mass and formed part of a steroid cocktail allegedly used by Russian athletes at the 2014 Winter Olympics. □

## Gallopin dominates to win seventh stage of Spanish Vuelta

POZO ALCON, Spain (AP) — French rider Tony Gallopin broke away in the final kilometers and held on to win the seventh stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Friday, while countryman Rudy Molard had another solid run to maintain the leader's red jersey. Gallopin had just enough to cross the line ahead of Peter Sagan and Alejandro Valverde after the relatively flat 185.7-kilometer (115-mile) route from Puerto Lumbreras to Pozo Alcon.

"I stayed in a good position and waited for the right moment," Gallopin said. "It's fantastic. To win ahead of riders like Sagan or Valverde means something." Molard was also in the charging group that finished five seconds off the pace. "In the end it went well for me," Molard said. "The finale suited my abilities, I was feeling confident. The pace was really high, anything could have happened. Even with good



Christian Coleman, right, of the United States cross the finish line to place first in the men's 100m during the Diamond League Memorial Van Damme athletics event at the King Baudouin stadium in Brussels on Friday, Aug. 31, 2018.

Associated Press

## Coleman sets season's fastest time in 100 at Van Damme

BRUSSELS (AP) — Christian Coleman became the fastest sprinter of the season when he won the 100 meters in 9.79 seconds and beat favored U.S. compatriot Ronnie Baker to win the Diamond League trophy at the Van Damme Memorial on Friday. Coleman set a personal record despite a slight headwind and easily won because Baker totally missed

his start and had to recover to finish in 9.93 seconds. Former world champion Yohan Blake finished third. Coleman is 22 and with his win at the end of a strong season, he establishes himself as a new star who could shine at the world championships in Doha, Qatar, next year. In a season without an Olympics or a world championships, the Diamond League stood out. "I got the trophy everyone was shooting for this season," Coleman said. Colombian Caterine Ibarguen won the long jump at the Diamond League finals, one day after she took the triple jump title in Zurich to assure herself of a \$100,000 check for two days of work. She won the long jump with a leap of 6.80 meters, edging Shara Proctor by 10 centimeters. Each win in a Diamond league final is worth \$50,000. Croatian discus thrower Sandra Perkovic lost her hold on the Diamond League trophy after six years when she was defeated by Yaime Perez on the Cuban's final throw of the year-long competition.

The reigning Olympic, world, and European champion seemed ready to coast to her seventh title after she took the early lead at the Van Damme with 64.31 meters on her first throw, but Perez hit back on her sixth throw with 65. Also on her final throw, Andressa de Morais of Brazil took second place with 64.65. Perkovic said she had been suffering from the flu for several days, and complained the IAAF should not award the trophy based on one day's performance. □





# Journalists debunk rumors on WhatsApp ahead of Brazil vote

By SARAH DILORENZO

Associated Press

**SAO PAULO (AP)** — A damning image was whipping around WhatsApp in Brazil: A photo of a black luxury jet labeled "the plane of Lula's son" — seeming proof of high living by the family of jailed former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, who is leading polls ahead of October's presidential elections.

The image was shared so often that a new fact-checking project known as Comprova set out to investigate — and quickly debunked it, tracing the jet's ownership all the way back to its date of manufacture. It was always U.S.-owned and had never belonged to anyone in da Silva's family.

Fact-checking efforts have become increasingly common around the world due to concerns about the power of social media to spread disinformation and influence elections.

What's unusual about the effort by Comprova and other projects ahead of Brazil's October presidential election is the focus on messages spread via WhatsApp. It's especially difficult to police the messaging app because users exchange information directly in an encrypted format, unlike more public platforms such as Facebook or Twitter, which have struggled with how to balance freedom of speech against preventing abuse. While Facebook, which owns WhatsApp sometimes removes accounts on its own platform accused of spreading misinformation, WhatsApp says it has no interest in policing private conversations — and that it can't anyway since they are encrypted.

On WhatsApp, rumors can gain added credibility since they're shared privately by people you know.

The issue is particularly thorny in countries like Brazil, where more than 120 million people use WhatsApp — more or less everyone who has access to the internet — making Latin America's largest country



A woman checks her mobile phone in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018.

Associated Press

home to nearly one in 10 users worldwide.

Fact-checkers refer to WhatsApp as a "black box," where it's not even possible to know the extent of the problem.

"It's a battle in which we don't know the size or strength of the enemy or even where he is," said Daniel Bramatti, the president of the Brazilian Association of Investigative Jour-

nalism, and Comprova's spokesman. When Comprova receives questions about a photo, video or piece of text — or it notices on its own that something suspect is receiving a lot of attention on social media — a team of journalists sets about

checking it. The results are posted on Comprova's website and published by 24 news media organizations that participate in it. Comprova, which means "prove" or "check" in Portuguese, is supported by First Draft, a project of Harvard's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy that has been involved with similar pre-election fact-checking in Britain

"If we manage to create a little bit of a culture of caution, of skepticism, of checking before sharing, verifying sources, I think we will already feel some difference," said Bramatti. "But really measuring the impact of this will be very difficult."

It's hard to overstate how important WhatsApp is to Brazilians. It's a place to say your dog ran away or that there's an accident on the main road out of town or that a school play was canceled.

"WhatsApp is really a source for news coverage," said Yasodara Cordova, a senior researcher at the Digital Harvard Kennedy School. "You have tons of WhatsApp groups: You have the family group, the building group, the neighborhood group." The application helped independent truckers organize a nationwide strike earlier this year. But it has also been blamed for contributing to a yellow fever outbreak by amplifying rumors that the vaccine was ineffective or dangerous. WhatsApp is particularly important for Brazil's poorer classes because it works on simple phones and many mobile phone plans allow people to use it for free, said Maria Martha Bruno of



A man checks his mobile phone in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018.

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and France.

But this is First Draft's first concerted foray into the closed-off world of WhatsApp. In separate initiatives, several Brazilian news outlets have also set up WhatsApp numbers where people can send questions or forward suspect posts.

Chicas Poderosas, a group that has launched another fact-checking operation. She said avoiding WhatsApp in fact-checking "is to speak to few people, and to speak to people who, in general, already have more access to verification tools."

WhatsApp itself has begun to try to slow the spread of false rumors. The company this year introduced a "forwarded" tag to let recipients know when messages don't originate with the sender. It is also testing limiting the number of messages a user can forward at one time — which could help clamp down on purposeful disinformation campaigns.

As it has in India, WhatsApp is planning an ad campaign ahead of the elections in Brazil that urges users to check messages that seem unbelievable and to think twice before sharing them.

"We think that reducing virality of forwarded content can help users by keeping WhatsApp the way it was designed to be, a private messaging app," Carl Woog, a company spokesman, said in an interview.

As in the U.S. and elsewhere, fact-checkers are facing an unusually polarized, distrustful electorate. Many of the comments on Comprova's Facebook page are full of vitriol, accusing the project of one bias or another.

Many of its checks focus on claims about two of the most polarizing figures in Brazilian politics: Da Silva, who is serving a sentence for a corruption and money laundering conviction and is likely to be barred from running, and Jair Bolsonaro, a far-right congressman noted for insulting women, gays and blacks. They are running first and second in polls, respectively. Matheus Salustiano, a university student, said many people are so entrenched in their views that they resent fact-checkers. The 20-year-old has asked Comprova to check some material he received from the WhatsApp groups he belongs to. □



# 4 ways to get a sale price when there isn't a sale

By COURTNEY JESPERSEN  
Associated Press

If you don't see a sale sign, it doesn't mean you can't get a deal. Here are four ways you could save money the next time you shop online or in person.

## 1. SIGN UP

If you're willing to supply a retailer with some of your personal information — such as your name, address or birth date — you could get deals in return.

"Consumers can visit the retailers' website to sign up for coupons, or even download an app to receive alerts on discounts," Maura L. Scott, an associate professor of marketing at Florida State University, said in an email.

"Online deals can be a great way to save money, provided consumers understand that they are providing something of value when they share their data with a company," Scott said.

Companies can use this information to track consumers' shopping behaviors, for example.

Many retailers offer a one-time discount just for join-



In this April 9, 2018, file photo, merchandise is displayed at a store in Salem, N.H.

Associated Press

ing a mailing list or rewards program, or for agreeing to receive text alerts. (Though note that you might have to wait a bit to receive your coupon before you can get a discount.) Two recent examples we spotted: coupons for 12 percent or 15 percent off at online seller Overstock.com for signing

up an email address, and 15 percent off one online order at makeup company Estee Lauder for joining its loyalty program.

## 2. NEGOTIATE

Contrary to what you may think, the price you see on the sticker isn't always the price you have to pay, according to Emily Hunter, an

associate professor of management at Baylor University.

"I find that people in general don't consider negotiating an option when they're at a store," Hunter says. "They think about it as an option at a garage sale, but not like a big-box retailer."

One possible tactic: Shoppers can use a defect as leverage for a discount. (Think fruit that is bruised or a shirt that has a small tear or stain.) Additionally, if there's any question of how much an item costs — such as if it's not clearly marked on the shelf — try requesting the lower of the potential prices.

Even if there's nothing wrong with a product, you can still ask for a lower price, Hunter says. Particularly on big-ticket items, retailers may want to work with you to win your business. To get the best outcome, be sure to clearly state what you want — such as 30 percent off — instead of starting with "what's the best price you can give me?"

## 3. JUST ASK

If you saw a coupon for an item but forgot to bring it with you to the store, all is not lost: You can try asking for one at the register.

"They literally have them right next to the terminal," Hunter says. "It's just a matter of whether they're willing to let you use it. This is where being really kind and polite really helps." □

# US stocks are little changed as investors await trade news

By MARLEY JAY  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — U.S. stocks are mostly lower Friday morning after a late loss the day before. Stocks slid Thursday afternoon after Bloomberg News reported that the Trump administration could escalate the U.S.-China trade war next week by putting tariffs on \$200 billion in imports. Meanwhile the U.S. and Canada are scheduled to resume trade talks Friday. **KEEPING SCORE:** At 10 a.m. Eastern time the S&P 500 index was unchanged at 2,900. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 23 points, or 0.1 percent, to 25,963. The Nasdaq composite rose 19 points, or 0.3 percent, to 8,108. The Russell 2000 index held steady at 1,732.

The S&P 500 is on track to

finish August with a gain of 3 percent, and the Nasdaq is up 5.6 percent this month. **EARNINGS:** Lululemon Athletica jumped 15.1 percent to \$157.68 after it raised its forecasts for the rest of the year following a strong second quarter.

Gun and camping gear maker American Outdoor Brands rose 30.8 percent to \$12.75. The company said sales picked up and it cut costs while offering fewer discounts. The stock took big losses earlier this year, and it's now almost unchanged in 2018.

Video-compression chipmaker Ambarella dropped 9.4 percent to \$36.02 following a weak revenue forecast for the current quarter.

**CUPPA JOE FOR COKE:** Coca-Cola said it will pay \$5.1 billion for the biggest

coffee company in Britain. Costa has 2,400 shops in the U.K. and about 1,400 in more than 30 other countries.

Coca-Cola already owns the Georgia and Gold Peak coffee brands, which make bottled and canned drinks, but the purchase of Costa might be a step toward competing with Starbucks. In the last few years Coke has also acquired a minority stake in sports drink company BodyArmor.

Coca-Cola fell 0.2 percent to \$44.86.

**ENERGY:** Benchmark U.S. crude fell 0.4 percent to \$69.98 a barrel in New York. Brent crude, used to price international oils, dipped 0.1 percent to \$77.92 a barrel in London.

**BONDS:** Bond prices rose further. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to



This Jan. 4, 2018, file photo shows the interior of the New York Stock Exchange.

Associated Press

2.84 percent from 2.86 percent.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar rose to 110.83 yen from 110.05 yen. The euro fell to \$1.1637 from \$1.1663.

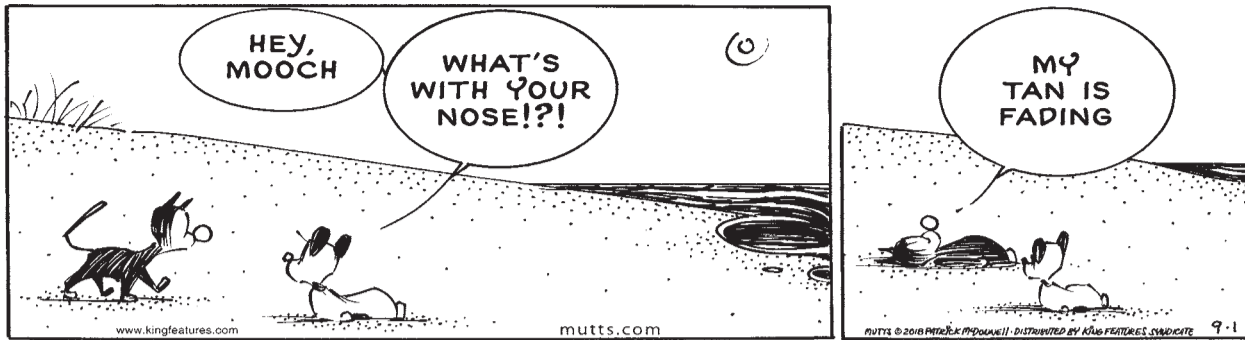
**OVERSEAS:** France's CAC 40 fell 1.3 percent and Germany's DAX lost 0.8

percent. Britain's FTSE 100 slipped 0.6 percent.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 recouped earlier losses to finish virtually unchanged. South Korea's Kospi rose 0.7 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 1.1 percent. □



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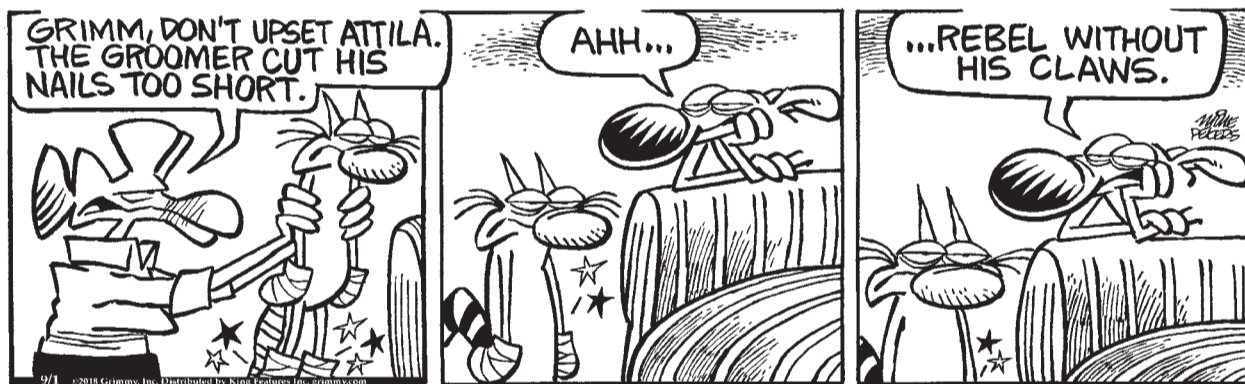
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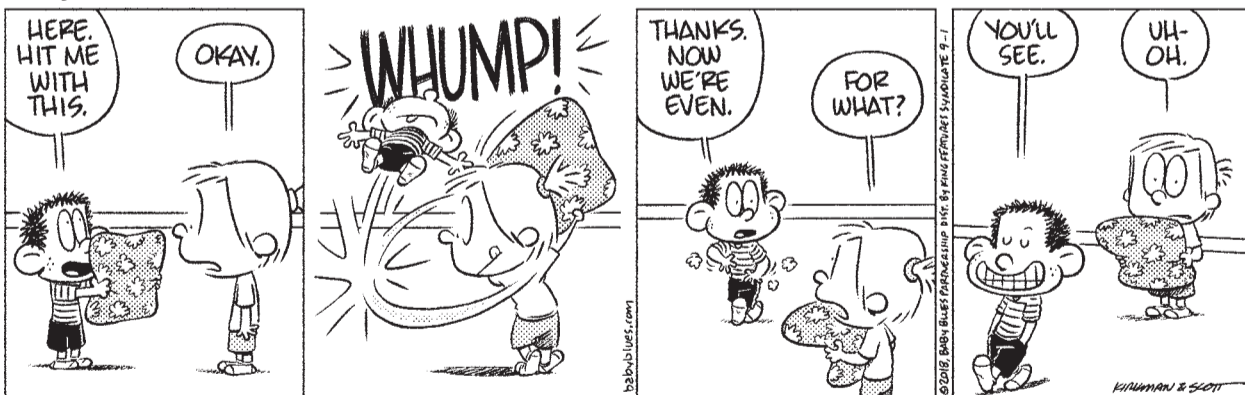
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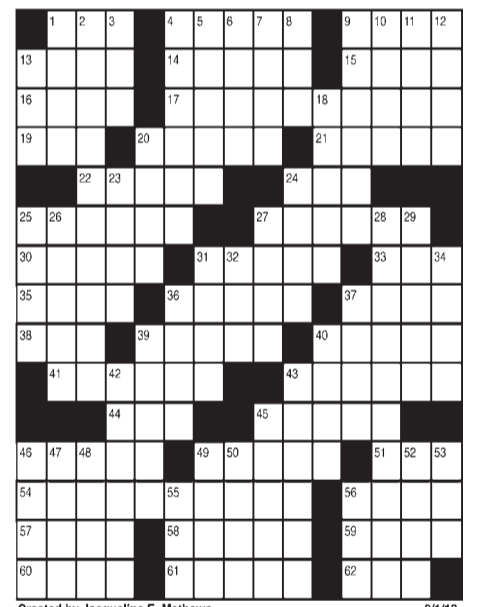
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

8	4	9	6	3	1	2	5	7
2	3	7	9	5	8	4	1	6
5	6	1	7	2	4	3	9	8
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9	7	2	4	1	5	6	8	3
1	8	6	3	9	7	5	4	2
3	2	5	1	7	9	8	6	4
6	9	4	5	8	3	7	2	1
7	1	8	2	4	6	9	3	5

ACROSS

- 1 Take \_\_ trade; begin profitable work
- 4 Large parrot
- 9 Flying saucers, for short
- 13 Weather forecast
- 14 Not in the dark
- 15 Taboo
- 16 Irritate
- 17 Made holy
- 19 Wall-climbing plant
- 20 And so \_\_; et cetera
- 21 Light strong wood
- 22 Use a pepper mill
- 24 Fraternity letter
- 25 Laundry problems
- 27 Hostile and aggressive
- 30 Yellow fruit
- 31 Primp
- 33 Sombrero
- 35 Way out
- 36 Courted
- 37 Epiphany gift-bearers
- 38 "There \_\_ an old lady who lived in a shoe..."
- 39 Mob
- 40 TV's "Uncle Miltie"
- 41 Not as fresh
- 43 More out of control
- 44 Summer cooler
- 45 Game of chance
- 46 Charisma
- 49 Supermarket
- 51 Org. for Patriots and Packers
- 54 Post-wedding gatherings
- 56 Door handle
- 57 Carney & others
- 58 Concur
- 59 All \_\_; listening
- 60 "Nonsense!"
- 61 Rosebush
- 62 Campus building



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DOWN

- 1 USC or UCLA
- 2 Man with multiple wives
- 3 Astonishment
- 4 Bricklayers
- 5 Prize
- 6 Isn't able to
- 7 Part of the foot
- 8 Moist
- 9 Biased
- 10 Aluminum wrap
- 11 Dollar bills
- 12 Soft drink
- 13 \_\_ Lanka
- 18 "A Doll's House" playwright
- 20 Twain's Huck
- 23 Hilarious person
- 24 "The \_\_ Piper of Hamelin"
- 25 Killed
- 26 Where to find Austin
- 27 Nourish
- 28 Dry white wine
- 29 Bird of prey
- 31 Impoverished
- 32 Argument
- 34 Wedding cake layer

Friday's Puzzle Solved

TEA	RABBI	OMIT
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ETCH	THERE	ELKS
SHATTERED	LEST	
PALS	IDO	
UPSIDE	SABOTAGE	
REINS	BAWLS	GAL
BANG	RIFLE	FEUD
ACE	KATES	TINGE
NEWCOMER	PORTER	
HIP	BRIE	
FLEA	ASSAILANT	
LOAN	REALM	ROAD
OGRE	TENSE	MOLE
WELL	SMEAR	KEN

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- 36 Songbird
- 37 Become soft
- 39 Vise
- 40 Fisherman's hope
- 42 Anew
- 43 Become sicker
- 45 Recluse
- 46 Grouch
- 47 Long sandwich
- 48 Plays a role
- 49 Exhale audibly
- 50 Lawn mower brand
- 52 Paper to be filled out
- 53 Scale divisions: abbr.
- 55 Tit for \_\_
- 56 Beer barrel

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In this Dec. 4, 2017 file photo, the future USS Michael Monsoor leaves Bath Iron Works for sea trials in Bath, Maine. Associated Press

# Shipbuilders replace stealthy US destroyer's 15-ton turbine

By DAVID SHARP  
Associated Press  
BATH, Maine (AP) — Shipbuilder Bath Iron Works has replaced one of the massive turbines on the future USS Michael Monsoor, and the stealthy destroyer is scheduled to depart for San Diego in November. The delicate operation involved lifting and maneuvering the 15-ton Rolls Royce marine turbine out of the ship, and workers had to build a rail system to assist in the removal and installation of the replacement turbine in August, officials said. "The number of twists and turns it had to go through represented a pretty interesting engineering evolution," said shipyard President Dirk Lesko.

Shipbuilders noticed an unusual vibration during sea trials and discovered afterward that a foreign object had damaged some of the blades the turbine was installed, Lesko said. Although the turbine still works, the Navy decided to replace rather than repair the unit. The Zumwalt-class destroyers use two main turbines similar to ones used on Boeing 777 jetliners to produce electricity that powers the ship and its sophisticated systems. Combined with auxiliary turbines, the ship produces 78 megawatts of power, enough for a small-to medium-size city. The Zumwalt and Monsoor are the first and second in a class of three of the stealthy destroyers. □

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# Telltale bits of DNA help track past and elusive wildlife

By EMILIANO RODRIGUEZ  
MEGA

**Associated Press  
NEW YORK (AP)** — On a scorching summer day, Mark Stoeckle threw a bucket into the murky waters of New York's East River to fill up three small plastic bottles.

The biologist hopes the water he collected contains the genetic trail of the river's diverse life including all of its fish — and of course, the occasional rat.

"We've cleaned up the East River significantly, but we're still dumping a lot of stuff," said Stoeckle of Rockefeller University. "This will give us a better idea of whether fish are recovering or not."

He doesn't have to catch the slippery fish himself — a dangerous task given the river's rocky bottom and strong currents. He just needs to look for the tiny bits of DNA they leave behind to track them.

Animals lose hair, scales and feathers as they move. They also discard skin cells and waste. All of these leave traces of genetic material that can be detected hours, weeks or even millennia later.

Scientists say analyzing the



In this Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016 photo provided by Océanos Vivientes, marine biologist Ramón Bonfil submerges a bottle into the waters of the Chetumal Bay in Quintana Roo, Mexico.

Associated Press

DNA floating in waterways or hiding in soil, which they call environmental DNA or eDNA, promises to help in managing and protecting biodiversity. The tactic has become increasingly popular within the past few years and has already provided clues of ancient mammoths in Siberia, early warnings of frog die-offs in California and evidence of elusive sawfish in Mexico.

For Sam Chew Chin, a fish ecologist at York College in New York, the DNA sampling reminds him of childhood shows he loved such as Star Trek.

"Whenever they'd find a new planet, they would scan it for life," he said. "Detecting environmental DNA is kind of the closest we come to being able to do that. It's pretty neat."

Chew Chin said he used

to be a "muddy-boots and bloody-desk biologist." Studying fish meant capturing them and eventually killing them. Now, he searches for whales off of Long Island or fish in the Hudson River by testing water — an advance that has made his job faster and cheaper.

It wasn't always like that. Nobody really cared about eDNA a decade ago, said

Danish geneticist Eske Willerslev, who pioneered the technique. He had been traveling to Siberia to sample permafrost. The frozen soil was so cold that he thought ancient genetic material could have remained intact throughout the years. In 2002, with a handful of permafrost samples the size of a sugar cube, he was able to identify the genetic material of bison, horses and many different plants that lived hundreds of thousands of years ago. He also found the preserved DNA of mammoths. Environmental DNA "helps us reach the inaccessible," said Willerslev from the Natural History Museum of Denmark, adding that this approach will play a key role in scientists' quest to understand nature.

Examples of this are appearing in other fields, where eDNA has changed how researchers think about conservation.

When Colleen Kamoroff spent the summer collecting water in 2015 from the lakes in California's Sierra Nevada, she saw a healthy group of native mountain yellow-legged frogs hopping around. □



In this June 8, 2018 image taken from video, cows are milked at a dairy farm at the University of California, Davis, in Davis, Calif., where researchers are feeding seaweed to dairy cows in a bid to make cattle more climate-friendly.

Associated Press

## Researchers feed seaweed to dairy cows to reduce emissions

**DAVIS, Calif. (AP)** — University of California researchers are feeding seaweed to dairy cows in an attempt to make cattle more climate-friendly.

UC Davis is studying whether adding small amounts of seaweed to cattle feed can help reduce their emissions of methane, a potent greenhouse gas that's released when cattle burp, pass gas or make manure. In a study this past spring, researchers found methane emissions were reduced by more than 30 percent in a dozen Holstein cows that ate the ocean algae, which was mixed into their feed and sweetened with molasses to disguise the salty taste.

"I was extremely surprised when I saw the results," said Ermias Kebreab, the UC Davis animal scientist who led the study. "I wasn't expecting it to be that dramatic with a small amount of seaweed." Kebreab says his team plans to conduct a six-month study of a seaweed-infused diet in beef cattle starting in October. More studies will be needed to determine its safety and efficacy, and seaweed growers would have to ramp up production to make it an economical option for farmers. Dairy farms and other livestock operations are major sources of methane, a heat-trapping gas many times more potent than carbon dioxide.

University of California researchers are studying whether feeding seaweed to dairy cows will reduce their emissions of methane, a potent greenhouse gas released by livestock. Early results look promising, and more studies are planned. (Aug. 31) Researchers worldwide have searched for ways to reduce cattle emissions with various food additives such as garlic, oregano, cinnamon and even curry — with mixed results. If successful, adding seaweed to cattle feed could help California dairy farms comply with a state law requiring livestock operators to cut emissions by 40 percent from 2013 levels by 2030. □



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# Book explores weird, wonderful filmmaker David Lynch

By DOUGLASS K. DANIEL  
Associated Press

"Room to Dream" by David Lynch and Kristine McKenna (Random House)

The simplest avenue for beginning to understand filmmaker David Lynch might be found in a childhood friend's observation: "David's always had a cheerful disposition and sunny personality, but he's always been attracted to dark things. That's one of the mysteries of David."

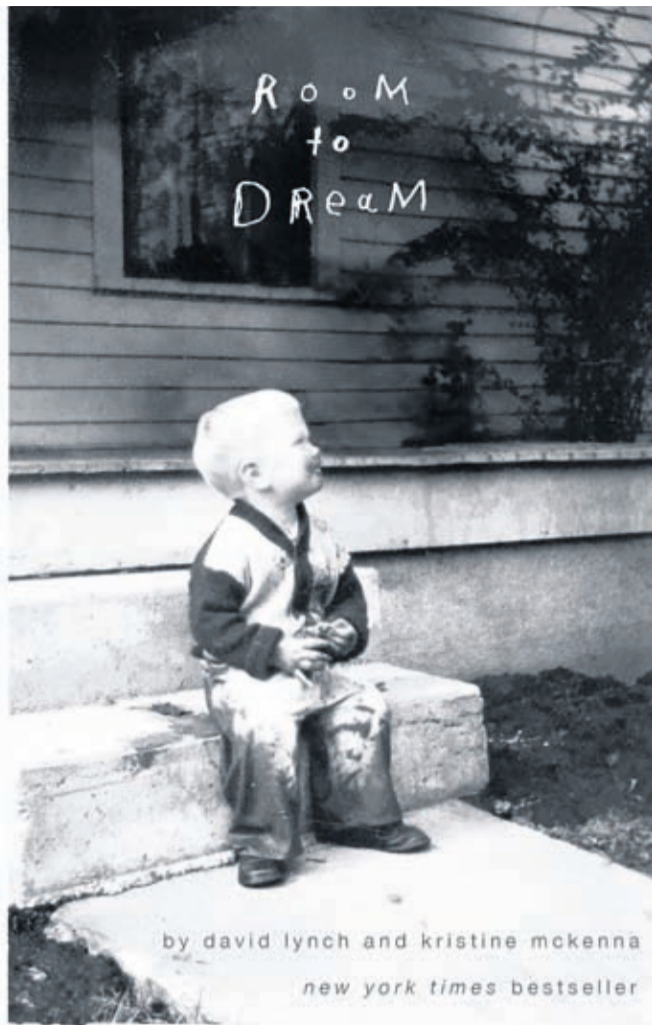
Dark things abound in Lynch's signature films — the grotesque infant in "Eraserhead" (1977), the disfigured adult in "The Elephant Man" (1980), the violent and perverse Frank Booth in "Blue Velvet" (1986) — and in his first TV series, the offbeat murder mystery "Twin Peaks" (1990-91). When his cheerful and sunny side shows itself, and that's not often, the result is "The Straight Story" (1999).

Like a David Lynch film, the biography-memoir "Room to Dream" is set in a world we recognize but one with a dreamy, compelling perspective at its core. Co-

author and Lynch friend Kristine McKenna writes from interviews and other research in one chapter while the filmmaker's own recollections of events follow in the next. It's a unique structure that's perfectly suited for a cheery fellow with dark fantasies.

Lynch has always been drawn to art of some sort — paint, film, video, music, sound design, photography, acting, even carpentry. Friends and colleagues say he is smart, nice, generous and outgoing — and insist that he isn't weird. Well, how would you describe someone who dissects a mackerel, lays out the parts, labels them for reassembly, then photographs the display and calls it a Fish Kit? Oh, and a Chicken Kit and a Duck Kit follow.

Curiously, Lynch's life lacks the elements of evil and tragedy and the bizarre found in his art. McKenna describes an all-American 1950s boyhood in the Northwest. Taking his turn, Lynch recalls an idyllic youth, too, but one with the occasional disturbing



This cover image released by Random House shows "Room to Dream," by David Lynch and Kristine McKenna.

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image — like the night a nude and beaten woman stumbled down his street. (If you've seen "Blue Velvet"

you'll recognize that childhood memory.)

At one point Lynch writes: "Almost everybody has a bunch of stuff swimming in them, and I don't think most people are aware of the dark parts of themselves. People trick themselves and we all think we're pretty much OK and that others are at fault."

McKenna doesn't omit unflattering details — Lynch's extramarital flings, for example, and the crumbling of the first three of his four marriages. Actress Isabella Rossellini describes how Lynch used a phone call to end their years-long relationship, a subject on which Lynch contributes only silence.

Importantly for cinephiles "Room to Dream" explores such things as how "Mulholland Drive" (2001) rose from the ashes of a failed TV project to the cult film that the website BBC Culture declared to be the best movie of the 21st century. That backstory and so many others provide a window into the mysteries of creativity. □

# Troye Sivan totally flowers with the superb 'Bloom'

By MARK KENNEDY  
Associated Press

Troye Sivan, "Bloom" (Capitol Records)

On Troye Sivan's debut album in 2015, he admitted he was "just a lost boy/ready to be found." The Australian singer-songwriter was often shy, anxious, almost quivering. When asking his lover for a kiss, he begged him not to bite. Sivan is back this year and, wow, what a difference three years makes.

A confident, in control and very knowing Sivan returns with the aptly titled "Bloom," an addictive 10-track collection of unrushed, synth-rich pop songs from a man now not afraid of love bites. "I got my tongue between your teeth," he sings in "My My My!," a euphoric flash-bang burst of freedom and happiness.

The actor-model-You Tube



This cover image released by Capitol Records shows "Bloom," the latest release by Troye Sivan.

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star reunites with some of his main songwriting partners — Brett McLaughlin, Bram Inscore and Allie X

— but the result is more adult, atmospheric and assured than his impressive debut album "Blue Neigh-

bourhood." That portrayed a young man coming to grips with his sexuality and a new world of sensual experiences.

On the last album, he was asking to hold hands and just sleep next to his lover ("but that's all I want to do right now"). Now he's offering a "trip into my garden," a line that comes from the title cut, a sly and sensual love song cleverly stuffed with double entendres. ("I bloom just for you.")

Nowhere is Sivan's maturity more apparent than on "Dance to This," his fantastic, spacy duet with Ariana Grande that is perfectly calibrated and features voices melding beautifully. It goes down like an ice-cold glass of water on a hot night. Sivan also shows off his confidence and ability in a stripped down "Postcard," with Gordi offering

her vocals. "What a Heavenly Way to Die," which takes its name from The Smiths' "There Is a Light That Never Goes Out," initially sounds like a risky move but ends up quite beautiful and perfectly executed. The only real misstep on the CD is the lyrics to "Plum," which has so many fruit-based references that it seems forced.

The album ends with the slow-burning, turgid "Animal," which may remind fans of "Wild" from his debut. Both songs — about lust — are curiously contained. There's a strange coolness there, belied by primal lyrics that include "I am an animal with you." It's wonderful, but here's hoping Sivan lets loose a little on his third album. So far, he's bloomed into a pop force to be reckoned with. □



# Fall Preview: Tiffany Haddish takes Hollywood by storm

**NEW YORK (AP)** — What's the best thing that's happened to Tiffany Haddish in the past year? Tough question.

The 38-year-old comedian takes a deep breath. "Meeting Oprah, getting a Tesla, hosting the MTV Movie and TV Awards, winning awards, going on trips, staying in different countries, getting an award in Canada. Going to Africa was really super awesome. Getting to meet my aunts and cousins that I hadn't met before. Having the funds to get my mother out of a mental institution — that's freaking amazing — and getting her the best doctors. Being able to afford to take care of my grandmother. That's really better than everything." She pauses. "I could keep going because it's been a pretty phenomenal year," says Haddish, laughing. But she has one more to add. "Being able to see my ex-boyfriends in passing, them saying 'Hey, I'd like to take you to dinner some time,' and me saying, 'I'm sorry, I'm busy.' That's pretty awe-



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Tiffany Haddish in a scene from "Night School," in theaters nationwide on Sept. 28.

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some too." A year after her breakout role in "Girl's Trip," Haddish is indeed busy. At the top of the list is the Tyler Perry written-and-directed comedy "Nobody's Fool" (Nov. 2), which pairs her with Tika Sumpter. They play sisters (with Whoopi Goldberg as their mom) who once Haddish's character gets out of jail discover that Sumpter's boyfriend is catfishing her. She'll also star alongside Kevin Hart (who for years has been a mentor to Had-

dish) in "Night School" (Sept. 28) and appear in Ike Barinholtz's dark comedy "The Oath" (Oct. 12). Haddish is also prepping a Netflix stand-up special, attending the Emmys as a nominee for hosting "Saturday Night Live" (she became the first black stand-up comic to host), developing a sitcom with Danielle Sanchez-Witzel ("The Carmichael Show") and readying season two of "The Last O.G.," with Tracy Morgan. And that's to say nothing of her litany of projects due next year.

With blistering speed, Haddish has become one of Hollywood's most in-demand talents. Everyone from Paul Thomas Anderson to Judd Apatow (who's interested in adapting Haddish's memoir, "The Last Black Unicorn") wants to work with her. And this fall, she'll be everywhere. It's the culmination of Haddish's inspiring rise from a difficult upbringing to the highest reaches of show business. Haddish has said she was abused a child before entering foster care, and later was briefly homeless while trying to make it as a stand-up in Los Angeles. But her confidence in her future never wavered; Haddish's

production company is named after her personal slogan: She Ready.

"People always say, 'Are you surprised?' No, I'm not surprised. I manifested this," says Haddish. "This is part of my list of goals. I'm grateful I've accomplished this much so far, but there's so much more I want to do. I want to build my own studio one day. I've got my little production company going and I want to create things that inspire people to be their best selves."

Yet as much as Haddish has been accomplishing, some objectives have remained elusive. "Still trying to get pregnant by Leonardo DiCaprio," she says. "He's not giving me the time of day right now but he'll come around."

Haddish's telling of her encounter with DiCaprio is exactly what has made her so beloved: She's radically unfiltered and unapologetically herself. If she wants to wear an Alexander McQueen red-carpet dress over and over again, she will. And if she has a good story about meeting a celebrity, she'll tell it. Of her DiCaprio-like flirtation with Michael B. Jordan, Haddish says that at the Met Gala the two decided "it's prob-

ably best just to work together." (One tight-lipped exception: She won't comment anymore on that infamous Beyonce party scene: "Don't ask me who bit Beyonce because I'm not gonna snitch!" Haddish says, laughing.)

But, as Sumpter found out, it can be quite a whirlwind joining Haddish's world. While making "Nobody's Fool," the pair crashed a prom in their hotel, dancing in a sea of awe-struck teenagers while streaming it on Instagram.

"She just does what she does," says Sumpter. "Tiffany is going to be Tiffany, you just let her run with it. It felt like real sisters. We had each other's backs. She's very supportive. I feel like our chemistry was pretty grand."

Haddish acknowledges some things have changed for her. Now, she gets up every morning at 4 or 5 a.m. "I work every single day. I've always worked every day, just not as hard," she says. But the overwhelming interest in all things Haddish (she also signed a first-look deal with HBO earlier this year) has also been exhausting. "I turn down things every day," she says.

How does it feel to be so loved? "It feels just like when I was in high school and I was a mascot. I was the most popular girl in school because I was the goofiest girl in school," says Haddish. "It feels just like high school but amplified."

But at a time when comedy has struggled mightily at the box office, Haddish has proven the great exception. She hopes to keep going right until her studio and self-help center sits on the corner of two streets: Tiffany and Haddish. She will make it happen, she insists. "And I will be changing people's lives for the better." □

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# Paul Taylor, giant of modern dance, dead at 88 in New York

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By JOCELYN NOVECK, AP National Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Paul Taylor, a towering figure in American modern dance who, in a career that spanned more than six decades, created a vast body of work that reflected both the giddy highs and the depraved lows of the human condition, has died. He was 88.

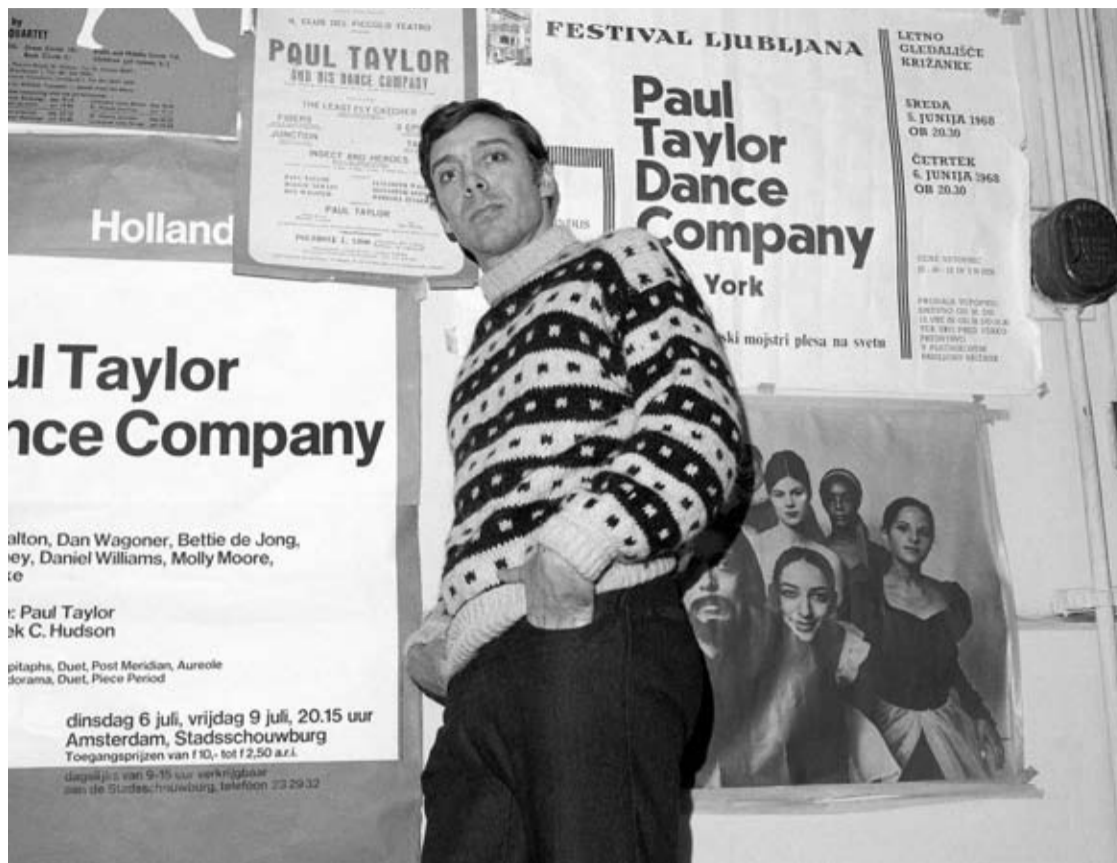
Spokeswoman Lisa Labrado told The Associated Press that Taylor died Wednesday at Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan. Labrado said Taylor was in hospice care and died of renal failure.

Taylor kept working well into his 80s, venturing into his company's Manhattan studios from his Long Island home to choreograph two new pieces a year, and 147 in all.

"The works that satisfy me the most? They're the ones I'm working on," he told The Associated Press in a 2011 interview, while rehearsing "To Make Crops Grow," his 137th dance. "It's the work process that I like. Once it's done, I want to put everything out of my mind. I'd rather forget it."

The Paul Taylor Dance Company is one of the world's most successful contemporary troupes, touring the globe year-round and able to pull off an annual three-week season at Lincoln Center's David H. Koch Theater. Taylor dancer Michael Novak, named by Taylor as artistic director designate earlier this year, becomes the second artistic director in the company's 64-year history.

"Paul Taylor was one of the world's greatest dance-makers, and his passing deeply saddens not only those of us who worked with him, but also people all over the world whose spirits have been touched by his incomparable art," Novak said in a statement. "We are grateful for your love and support as we begin to carry on his legacy with the utmost fidelity and devotion."



This Jan. 8, 1969 file photo shows dancer-choreographer Paul Taylor in New York.

Associated Press

Audiences often appreciated Taylor's newer pieces, but his signature work surely remained "Esplanade," from 1975, an explosion of joy and athleticism, with Taylor's limber dancers running, skipping, hurling themselves into each other's arms like missiles and tumbling to the floor with abandon, all to two Bach concertos.

The pairing of classical music — especially 18th-century Baroque — with a very modern style of dance was one of Taylor's hallmarks. But he also went far and wide with his musical choices, scoring his works not only with symphonies and concertos but ragtime, tango, barbershop quartet and even elevator music. In "Big Bertha" (1970), set in an amusement park, he used music from a band machine acquired from a St. Louis museum. "That gave me the idea for the dance," he said. "Often one starts with an idea and then looks for music, but it works both ways."

"Big Bertha," though, was most notable for its disturbing content, reflecting Taylor's penchant for giving equal time to the darkest depths of human nature. "Bertha" is a robotic carnival creature. A whole-

some 1950s family — a couple and their daughter — comes out to the fun fair to play, but after feeding coins into Bertha's slot, slips into depravity; by the end, the father has raped and killed his pig-tailed young daughter. Even a lighter work, "Company B," a set of jaunty dances like the jitterbug to the music of the Andrews Sisters, has its dark elements: Look closely amid the joyful dances and you see young men as soldiers, shot and crumpling to the ground.

A strong message always emanated from Taylor's work, said dance writer Allan Ullrich. "You know he's always saying something," Ullrich said. "There should be two words written on his tombstone: 'He communicated.'"

Mindful of the future of modern dance, Taylor sought to create an institutional home for the art form when, in 2015, he began presenting his spring Lincoln Center season under a new entity, Paul Taylor American Modern Dance, which offers works of other leading choreographers of the past, present and future alongside his own.

Paul Belleville Taylor, Jr. was born July 29, 1930, during the Great Depression. He

began his life in a town outside Pittsburgh, but spent much of his youth in the Washington, D.C. area. In his whimsically written autobiography, "Private Domain," he describes a childhood full of boundary-testing moments: A run-in with police after he and a friend steal a baby stroller from a variety store, or a prep-school stunt involving the actual excavation of a coffin.

He wound up at Syracuse University, where he studied painting and then joined the swim team, purely to gain scholarship money. College sports was more work than he expected, but at 6-foot tall and with a huge arm span, he was well suited to the sport.

Those arms, swinging through space, would become crucial to his dance work. In fact, Taylor's signature move looks a bit like a swimmer in mid-butterfly stroke, albeit twisted up to the sky.

But the desire to dance came as a shock to Taylor: In his sophomore year, he once wrote, he experienced "something stronger than an itch ... an unignorable hunch ... a flash." He informed his incredulous swimming coach he was leaving, to dance. "Don't

tell me you're any good at it," the coach replied. Taylor couldn't — at least not yet.

Taylor transferred to Juilliard in New York, but first he attended a summer dance course where he met, and learned from, the great modern choreographer Martha Graham. Years later, his name would become forever linked with hers as part of the great trio of modern dance choreographers, along with Merce Cunningham. (Graham died in 1991, Cunningham in 2009.)

A year after graduating Juilliard in 1953, Taylor set up his own company, rehearsing in whatever space he could find. He was 24, and his first work was a collaboration with the artist Robert Rauschenberg, "Jack and the Beanstalk." A year later he joined Graham's company as a soloist — he would dance there for seven seasons, while continuing to build his own company.

"We can only be grateful for this extraordinarily creative individual voice, which for more than six decades has been so primary in the foundation of what dance is and can be," Juilliard President Damian Woetzel, a former New York City Ballet principal dancer, wrote to the AP in an email.

In 1956, Taylor choreographed one of his odder, but much-discussed works: "3 Epitaphs," the oldest work in his company's repertoire today (it opened the company's Spring 2013 season at Lincoln Center.)

For the score, he chose early New Orleans jazz, the music played at weddings and funerals in the south. He set five peculiar creatures — something like futuristic cavemen — gyrating across the stage, dressed head-to-toe in dark gray unitards, designed by Rauschenberg, with reflectors shining on their heads and hands.

In 1959, Taylor collaborated with another giant of dance, George Balanchine, of the New York City Ballet, in his "Episodes." □



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